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Supporters celebrate with Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Senate President Ralph DLG. Torres at their campaign headquarters on Middle Road after the final tally were counted Wednesday morning, showing that their team dominated Tuesday's general election.

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## CEC starts process for runoff polls

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The Commonwealth Election Commission started yesterday afternoon the gubernatorial runoff process with the ballot slot drawing between the Gov. Eloy S. Inos/Ralph DLG. Torres tandem and Heinz Hofschneider-Ray N. Yumul team after they emerged as the Top 2 vote getters among four contenders in Tuesday's biggest election in CNMI history.

Inos and Torres, the Republican Party standard-bearer, won with a 1,841-margin over the independent tandem of Hofschneider-Yumul, based on the unofficial tally of the Commonwealth Election Commission.

Inos and Torres garnered a total of 6,342 votes, while Hofschneider and Yumul got a total of 4,501. A total of 13,798 votes were cast in this general elections.

The Inos-Torres machinery got only

» **Inos-Torres wins with a big margin against Hofschneider-Yumul**

46.6 percent of the total votes cast, just about 4 percentage points less than the required 50 percent-plus-one that would have resulted in their team being declared the outright winner, preventing a runoff election.

The Inos-Torres team was victorious in all election districts except three.

The independent team of former governor Juan N. Babauta and Juan S. Torres was a distant third place with only

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## Inos/Torres courting Babauta, Tofila

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This early, CNMI Republican Party bet and incumbent Gov. Eloy S. Inos and his running mate, Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), are already courting the support of losing gubernatorial candidates in Tuesday's general elections.

With the Inos/Torres tandem looking at a runoff race with independent candidate Heinz Hofschneider and his run-

ning mate, former Senate floor leader Ray Yumul, the CNMI GOP standard bearer said they will be reaching out to the camps of independent Juan N. Babauta and Juan S. Torres and CNMI Democratic Party bets Edward "Tofila" M. Deleon Guerrero and Daniel O. Quitugua.

"Ralph and I are humbled by the turnout and the confidence of the community in us in continuing to move forward with progress. We will do

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## Kilili wins 4th term in another landslide

By MARK RABAGO  
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While it's not in the same scale as 2012 when he took an eye-popping 80 percent of the vote, incumbent Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan won a fourth

term as the CNMI's nonvoting delegate to U.S. House of Representatives after beating CNMI Democratic Party bet Andrew Salas by more than 4,000 votes in Tuesday's election.

According to unofficial

results from the Commonwealth Election Commission, Sablan garnered 8,579 votes against Salas' 4,547 votes—a difference of 4,032 votes.

"It's very humbling. To

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## Local

## BSI ups ante in Saipan casino resort development

By MARK RABAGO  
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Best Sunshine International Ltd. confirmed yesterday that it is doubling its initial plan to build a 2,000-room integrated casino resort on Saipan.

Speaking before yesterday's Saipan Chamber of Commerce general membership meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's SandCastle, BSI senior vice president for corporate marketing Jacqueline Wu said the company is planning to construct 4,200 hotels and 300 villas on the island.

"So according to what we filed in the public domain in the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and listed in Hong Kong, we will be building over 4,000 rooms—4,200 hotel rooms plus 300 villas."

Aside from the over 4,000 hotel rooms, BSI's current plan for the \$7.1-billion integrated casino resort involves construction of a 600-seat theater, a 10,000-square-meter casino floor, 10,000-square-meter retail area, over 20 F&B outlets, and a theme park.

With the increased number



MARK RABAGO  
Best Sunshine International Ltd. senior vice president for corporate marketing Jacqueline Wu was the guest speaker in yesterday's Saipan Chamber of Commerce general membership meeting at Hyatt Regency Saipan's SandCastle.

of hotel rooms comes the increase in jobs needed for the \$7.1-billion development, she said. "Even if it's just 4,000 hotel rooms, that is 8,000 to 9,000 jobs."

Besides the direct job cre-

ation, Wu said that ancillary business is also expected from BSI's mega project.

"It's not just about the people hired directly by the company but also how it impacts the local business community because there is

indirect employment per se like retail shops. We will have all these retail shops and they will be recruiting sales assistants and logistics, etc., and again referring back to the Singapore and Macau case, those companies procure a lot of local materials—construction materials, procure services,

logistics, and F&B supplies. All these are important components to make an integrated casino resort work."

She asked Chamber members to help BSI in its multi-billion investment, adding that it will definitely give the CNMI another tourist attraction and help in the Marianas Visitors Authority's destination enhancement efforts.

"So we need help and we need support of all of you in the CNMI and Saipan and make Saipan a must-visit destination. We need to all work together. Saipan and BSI together will form a masterpiece and putting the CNMI in the world travel map for the right reasons, a project for the people, a project for the CNMI," she said in closing.

## Former judge Manibusan wins over Evangelista in AG race

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REPORTER

Former Superior Court presiding judge Edward Manibusan defeated attorney Michael N. Evangelista with a large margin to become the first elected attorney general of the CNMI, based on the unofficial tally of the Commonwealth Election Commission.

Manibusan garnered a total 8,559 votes, while Evangelista got 4,672 votes.

Manibusan won in all election districts except three. The former judge received big votes from almost all election districts.

Evangelista, however, got big votes in Tanapag, his bailiwick. He also prevailed on Rota and early votes from Rota.

Manibusan said it's a great feeling and that he extends his



Manibusan

thanks to the people who voted for him, have faith in him, and trusted him.

He also thanked members of the committee to elect him who worked hard to make it a very successful campaign.

"It was great that Mike [Evangelista] and I had a very cordial relationship throughout the campaign. And I admire that," Manibusan said.

He said having an elected AG is a new beginning, a new chapter in the CNMI history.

"We gonna start new, start fresh and we have to do the right thing," the former presiding judge said.

## Manglona, Naraja, Govendo retain posts

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Majority of voters voted to retain on the bench Associate Justice John A. Manglona, Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja, and Kenneth L. Govendo, according to the unofficial tally of the Commonwealth Election Commission.

The voters were asked if Manglona of the CNMI Supreme Court should be retained in office. The voters were also asked if Naraja and Govendo of the Superior Court should be retained in office.

Naraja got the highest "yes" votes after he got a total of 10,099 votes. His total "no" votes was 2,464.

Manglona obtained 9,802 "yes" votes and 2,688 "no" votes. Govendo got 9,168 "yes" votes and 3,335 "no" votes.

Manglona received a "good" total average rating, while Naraja and Govendo each obtained an "acceptable" total average rating in the CNMI Bar Association's evaluation of their performances on the bench.

"Good" means the magistrate often exceeds minimum standards of performance.

"Acceptable" means the magistrate meets minimum standards of performance.

Justice Manglona and Judges Naraja and Govendo were all seeking their third retention on the bench in Tuesday's general elections.

"Working with these important partners, we look forward to an increase in arrivals from Korea in the fiscal year ahead."

The group also inspected the Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino during their visit and were hosted by Pacific Islands Club Saipan for a welcoming dinner on Oct. 25. (MVA)

## MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ELECTION FOR 3 DISTRICTS

## Camacho, Borja, and Mereb get top votes

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Lareina C. Camacho, a first-time candidate for elective office, has topped the election for Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council.

She is joined by Diana H. Borja of Tinian and Ivan Mereb Jr. of Rota as the top vote-getters among the municipal council candidates of their respective districts, based on unofficial results by the Commonwealth Election Commission.

For the three vacant positions in the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council, Camacho had 5,418 votes, followed by Antonia Tudela with 4,924, and Alice Igitol with 4,799—all of them women.

Although Igitol topped Camacho with nine votes in the early voting, Camacho topped every election district, including absentee (as of yesterday,

absentee votes for Saipan Municipal Council had yet to be counted), while Igitol took hold of election district four.

For the Tinian and Aguigan Municipal Council, Borja received the highest vote, 889—just 80 votes more than Edwin Hofschneider. One other new council member is Reynaldo M. Cing, who received a total of 730 votes.

On Tinian Borja received majority of the on-island votes, the absentee votes, and the early voting.

For the Rota Municipal Council, Mereb received 621 votes. Other new soon-to-be council members are Roman M. Calvo with 553 votes and George O. Hocog with 596 votes.

Mereb bested Hocog and Calvo on on-island votes, while Calvo won the absentee votes by one, and Mereb took back the lead with the early votes.

## Key travel club meets on Saipan

GS Club, a social gathering of Saipan and Guam travel trade partners serving the Korea market, met on Saipan on Oct. 24-27, 2014.

Key management of companies including Hana Tour, Mode

Tour, T Galleria Korea, Asiana Airlines, Jeju Air, Hanwha Saipan World Resort, and Hyatt Regency Saipan participated in the event to exchange tour industry information with local partners and update marketing material.

"GS Club is an important gathering of key decision makers in the Korea market, and we are pleased they chose to meet in Saipan this month," said Marianas Visitors Authority marketing manager Bruce Bateman.



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GS Club, composed of key travel trade partners on Saipan and Guam serving the Korea market, enjoyed rounds of golf at Coral Ocean Point Resort on Oct. 25, 2014, and Mariana Country Club on Oct. 26, 2014, during their tour of Saipan and Tinian.



# GOP dominates Senate race; independents rule House

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While the NMI Republican Party dominated the senatorial race, independent candidates had their way in the election for seats in the CNMI House of Representatives.

According to the Commonwealth Election Commission's unofficial results, the local GOP cornered five of the six senatorial seats up for grabs in Tuesday's general elections.

On Saipan, GOP bet and former House Speaker Arnold I. Palacios was the top vote getter with 4,542 votes.

The election for a second senator for Saipan, however, is still undetermined as the CEC is still trying to figure out why Republican bet Oscar Babauta and independent Justo Quitugua both got zero votes in Election District 5 (Kagman). As of now, Babauta has a slight lead over Quitugua, 3,356 to 3,282.

On Tinian, the Republican

pair of incumbent Francisco Q. Cruz and Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider was the Top 2 with 768 and 726 votes, respectively.

Rep. Teresita A. Santos, another GOP candidate, successfully hurdled the senatorial race on Rota and is the top vote getter with 786 votes, while Steven K. Mesngon is so far the only independent candidate that survived the Republican onslaught in the Senate race by finishing second to Santos with 687 votes.

In the special elections for the Senate seat vacated by Ray Yumul, on-leave Commerce secretary Sixto K. Igisomar of the GOP won by a mile with 5,903 votes.

In the House, 13 of the 20 incoming representatives are independent candidates with the remaining seven belonging to the GOP.

Republican Angel Demapan topped Precinct 1 with 1,935 votes, followed by independent Edwin K. Propst (1,585), GOP's Joseph "Leepan" T. Guerrero

(1,537), independent Rep. Roman Benavente (1,508), independent and House Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero (1,424), and Rep. Anthony P. Sablan (1,354), also an independent.

In Precinct 2, two Republicans incumbents, Reps. Rafael S. Demapan (578) and John Paul P. Sablan (595), ruled the roost.

Rep. Edmund Villagomez (1,472) led the near sweep of independents in Precinct 3. Other independents winning seats are Blas Jonathan "B.J." T. Attao (1,455), and Reps. Ralph N. Yumul (1,357), Ramon A. Tebuteb (1,299), and Anthony T. Benavente (1,240). The lone GOP candidate that didn't get the axe is incumbent Rep. Felicidad T. Ogumoro (1,299).

A pair of independents won seats in Precinct 4 in the persons of Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council member Diego L. Kaipat (502) and Vinson Edward F. Sablan (723).

Rep. Lorenzo I. Deleon was re-elected in Precinct 5 (Kagman) after the independent candidate garnered 849 votes. GOP's Francisco C. Aguon got the other seat with 515 votes.

In Precinct 6 (Tinian), independent Edwin P. Aldan was victorious over Republican Charlene M. Lizama, 748-663.

In Precinct 7 (Rota), GOP's

Glenn L. Maratita got the better of Thomas Lee A. Manglona

with 559 votes against the latter's 480 votes.

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## STARTING 'EM YOUNG

Two young supporters of Delegate Gregorio C. Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP) shout to passersby to "Vote Kilili" as voters enter the Kagman Elementary School poll station on Tuesday during the general election. The pair was so cute that they elicited a lot of horn honks from passing motorists.

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## Hofschneider claims BOE spot for Tinian; Guerrero retains position

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Beginning January next year, Herman T. Guerrero will begin his 14th year as a member of the CNMI State Board of Education.

He was the sole candidate for Saipan representative on the board this election. He garnered a total of 8,663 votes.

For Precinct 1, where he is from, he garnered 1,531 votes. He earned 450 votes from Precinct 2, 1,145 votes from Precinct 3, 730 votes from Precinct 4, and 994 votes from Precinct 5. He earned 1,020 in absentee votes.

In an interview, he said he would like to continue the progress the Public School

System has made during his time on the board.

He named Praxis 2 requirements and implementing the Common Core Standards as some examples of past and ongoing work to improve education in the CNMI.

Gunning for the board position to represent the children of Tinian were Florine Mendiola Hofschneider and Martin Matagolai Sakisat.

Lucy Blanco-Maratita, the board member representing Tinian, retires after this year.

Hofschneider led by a significant margin early on when early votes were tallied, at 211 votes to Sakisat's 94.

Her support continued to

dwarf that of Sakisat's as the rest of the votes came in. In the end, she nearly doubled Sakisat's tally, with her 918 votes to his 464.

A total of 1,382 people, from early votes, absentee ballots, and people from Tinian, voted for this position.

In an interview before the election, Sakisat said he is originally from Saipan but moved to Tinian. He expressed confidence in his ability to bring accountability to the position and help the people of Tinian.

Hofschneider is a former public school administrator on Tinian. Her father, Felipe Camacho Mendiola, was a former mayor of Tinian.



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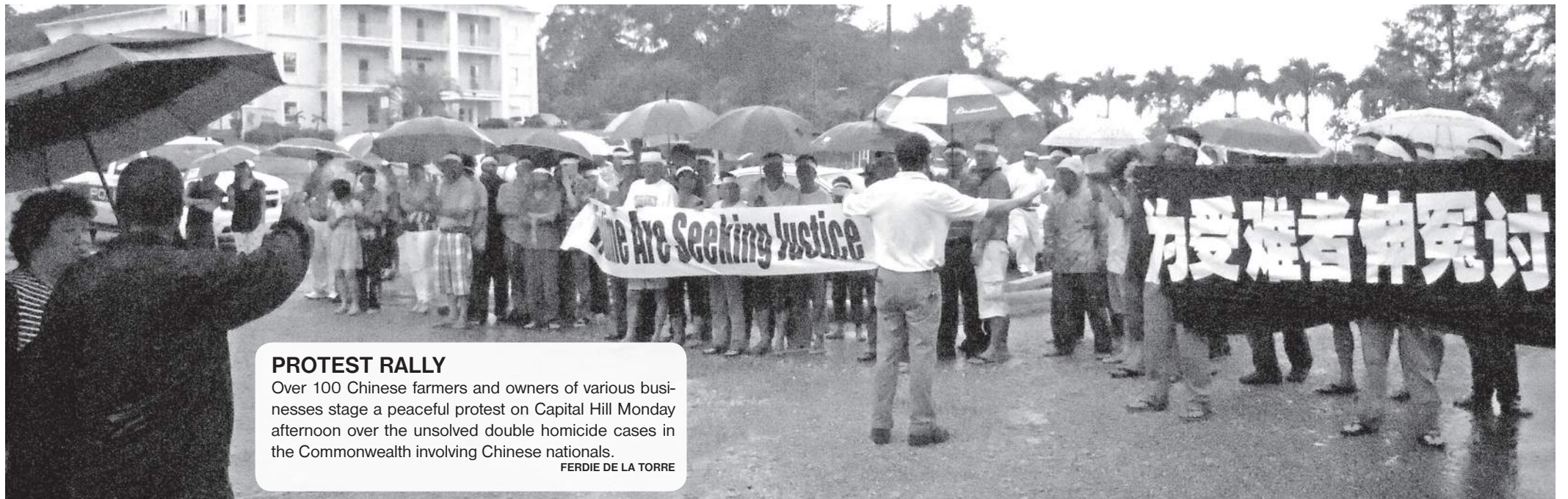
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### PROTEST RALLY

Over 100 Chinese farmers and owners of various businesses stage a peaceful protest on Capital Hill Monday afternoon over the unsolved double homicide cases in the Commonwealth involving Chinese nationals.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

## COURTING

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just that. I do want to thank the camps of [former] governor Babauta and Ed Deleon Guerrero for a hard-fought campaign and we do ask for their support to the team of Inos-Torres in the runoff elections," he said in an interview with *Saipan Tribune* shortly after noon yesterday.

CNMI GOP president James

Ada said the party will be meeting to plan their strategy in the runoff polls and that they will definitely ask for the support of Babauta and Deleon Guerrero.

Inos volunteered that he already had an inkling he and Torres were going to get the lion's share of the votes following the counting of the early votes.

"After the advance voting, that's a large chunk already. I was looking at the trend and I said if that continued we

would be in the position to make the runoff and at least lead it," he said.

The governor also winced at the missed opportunity of winning the race outright. Inos/Torres got only 46.6 percent of the total votes cast, just about 4 percentage points less than the required 50-percent-plus-one.

"It was so close. I was hoping we could get a sufficient number from the remaining ballots so we didn't have to go to a run-

off. But it's OK and we're prepared for the runoff," he added.

Torres attributed their team's win to sticking to the issues on hand and not resorting to dirty politics.

"We ran a very clean campaign and we never accused anyone of anything. At the end of the day, we knew that it's our people who make the decisions. Like I said from the beginning, one thing's for sure is that we work hard even at my

age and the governor's health for that matter," Torres said. "He's done a tremendous job the past 20 months. He's addressed a lot of issues."

The 35-year-old lawmaker also said the GOP team's success in the polls could partly be a result of young voters flocking in large numbers to have their voices heard through the ballot box.

"With regards to my age, it shows that our young voters

went out to vote. I continue to emphasize that and ask that we don't use age anymore. More so we should encourage and embrace the youth. When the time comes, step up and allow them, give them the opportunity to grow. Every teenager, every young voter, should be allowed to get experience. I hope running as a lieutenant governor is an opportunity to show the youth that the community can embrace you despite your age."

## CEC

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2,414 votes. They only won one election district, Tanapag.

Edward M. Deleon Guerrero-Daniel O. Quitugua of the Democratic Party got only 541 total votes.

For the upcoming gubernatorial runoff race, Inos-Torres will be No. 1 on the ballot, on the left side, while Hofschneider-Yumul will be No. 2 on the right side.

David Attao, chairman of the committee-to-elect Hofschneider-Yumul, and Greg M. Camacho, chairman of the committee-to-elect Inos-Torres, met with Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Robert A. Guerrero for the slot drawing at the CEC office yesterday afternoon.

Guerrero told the parties the CEC board will be meeting on Friday at 9am to certify the results of the elections.

On behalf of Hofschneider, Attao said they're just excited that the voters came out and exercised their right to vote.

"We're honored and very humbled that people voted for us and they continue to believe in Heinz and Ray and they're making the right choice," Attao said.

He said they congratulate the winners and, for those who did not make it, they're asking them to join forces with them so the CNMI can move forward.

Several calls made to Babauta and Deleon Guerrero yesterday were not answered.

CEC board chair Frances Sablan said they will decide when to hold the runoff race soon after they certify the results because they will need to print out the ballots and mail them to absentee voters.

After CEC executive director Guerrero announced the final set of votes from absentee voters at 8:10am on Wednesday, he and the seven board members were applauded by the people who attended the counting at the Pedro P. Tenoerio Multi-Purpose Center.

Reporters and some candidates' supporters immediately grabbed calculators to check if the Inos-Torres tandem got 50

percent plus one of the total votes cast, since the Inos team got 1,186 absentee votes while Hofschneider received only 649.

After figuring out from calculations that Inos-Torres almost prevented a runoff because of the large margin they got, people in the center were still uncertain if there will be a runoff or not because the results were too close.

After a few minutes, people got an answer when CEC board chair Sablan confirmed to the media in an interview that there will be a runoff.

Sablan said that Inos-Torres and Hofschneider-Yumul, the two top vote-getters, did not meet the 50 percent plus one requirement to avoid a runoff.

"From what I gathered, Inos was short of 400 to 500 votes," Sablan said.

CEC started tabulating the votes close to midnight due to some glitches, including the lack of tabulation papers on Rota.

CEC executive director Guerrero announced the first results, which were from early voting for Saipan, at 12:40am. The

Rota ballots arrived at 1:30am.

The results of the early voting for Saipan set up the trend in favor of Inos-Torres when they got 1,849, while Hofschneider-Yumul had 1,087. Babauta-Torres received 766 and Deleon Guerrero-Quitugua got 145.

Inos-Torres' 762-vote lead went up when results of the voting in Election District 1A (San Antonio) were announced. Inos-Torres got 190 votes compared to Hofschneider-Yumul's 129.

When Election District 1B (San Vicente) votes were counted, Inos-Torres' 823-lead increased when the team got 421, while Hofschneider-Yumul garnered 381.

Inos-Torres' 863-lead widened a bit when the team got 236 votes compared to 153 for Hofschneider-Yumul from Election District 1C (Koblerville).

Inos-Torres continued the trend when the team got 252, while Hofschneider-Yumul received 203 votes from Election District 2 (Chalan Kanoa/Susupe).

The governor team's overall lead breached the 1,000 mark when the votes were counted from Election District 3A (San Jose/Oleai). He got 159 votes, while Hofschneider obtained 134.

Inos' 1,020 lead slightly increased when he and Torres got 126 compared to Hofschneider-Yumul's 119.

For the first time, Hofschneider-Yumul tasted a win in a polling place when the votes from Election District 4B (San Roque) were counted. Hofschneider got 154, while Inos-Torres got only 90.

Inos-Torres immediately bounced back when the team got 78 votes from Election District 4C (Capital Hill). Hofschneider got 64.

Inos-Torres got an additional 4 votes from Election District 4D (Northern Islands). Hofschneider received 2 votes.

In the hotly contested Election District 3B (Garapan), the two contenders had a close fight. Inos-Torres got 426, while Hofschneider-Yumul had 423.

Inos maintained his over-

all lead after getting 464 votes from Election District 5 (Kagman); Hofschneider got 450.

Inos-Torres team was strong in Rota with 260 votes. Hofschneider-Yumul got 104. With the Rota votes, Inos already enjoyed a 1,149-lead.

When the early votes from Rota came in, Inos' lead further widened—he got 259 compared to 97 for Hofschneider.

Tinian gave Hofschneider-Yumul the second and last victory in an election district with 268 votes. But it was not big enough because Inos-Torres also had 249 votes.

Inos-Torres immediately countered when the Tinian early votes were counted and the team got 93, while Hofschneider got 84.

By then people who were watching the counting were already talking of a runoff as there was only one left uncounted—the absentee ballots, a known bailiwick of Hofschneider. Inos-Torres, however, got a surprisingly strong 1,186 votes compared to only 649 for Hofschneider-Yumul.

## KILILI

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know that when voters look back on my six years in office they believe that I have worked hard and made their lives better—that's very humbling," Sablan said in an email to *Saipan Tribune*.

He said the people of the Commonwealth have given him the opportunity to make life better for all people in the CNMI.

"I am very grateful for that trust. And my commitment to improving life here in every

way I can is renewed by the tremendous support I received in Tuesday's election. You have my promise: I will continue to work for you—as hard as ever—in the 114th U.S. Congress."

Asked about his margin of victory against Salas, a former lawmaker and Commerce secretary, Sablan said this year's elections shouldn't be compared to the 2012 polls where he won by a landslide twice over.

"What surprised me was the 60-point spread I garnered in the 2012 election. That 80 percent was an anomaly and 2012 cannot be the benchmark mea-

surement for my races. This year's results, where the spread was a sensible 31 points—my 66 percent to my opponent's 34 percent—is a result I can accept as reasonable. Of course I am pleased that the unofficial results show me receiving over 4,000 votes more than my opponent or that I received more votes than any other candidate who was on the 2014 general election ballot," said Sablan.

The now four-term congressman thanked his family, supporters, the voting public, and the people of the CNMI for yet another election win.

"My family, committee, supporters, and our people own this win. I cannot do it alone and it is their help, trust and support that make possible this success for the fourth time. And I remind myself always that it is our people that decide who represents them in Congress. It is our people who say that I can go to Washington to stand in their place and to speak on their behalf in Congress. This is the reason why I had installed at the door entrance to 423 Cannon these words: This office belongs to the people of the Northern Mariana Islands. Kilili thanks

voters: 'I will continue to work for you.'"

Among his priorities in the 114th Congress is education—finding more resources for CNMI students, teachers, and schools.

He also enumerated a plethora of issues that he needs to address—both local and federal.

"We are still caught in the middle of the transition to federal management of immigration. There are still issues to resolve. Add to that the Legislature's recent decision to license a multi-billion dollar development without giving thoughtful

consideration about where these investors will get the 7,000 to 10,000-plus workers they need for their business operations. Bringing thousands of strangers to our islands—possibly increasing overnight our population by 20 percent—will create irreversible and irrevocable changes to our communities. And the U.S. military wants to be a much bigger presence in our islands. We will have to manage that."

Sablan is the first and only person to have represented the Northern Marianas in the U.S. Congress.



# Mayoral power shifts as Republicans dominate race

» **All four election districts to see new mayoral faces**

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REPORTER

The Republicans won control of the CNMI mayoral races on Rota, Tinian, and the Northern Islands, while an independent took over the reins of Saipan during the Nov. 4, 2014, general elections.

Based on the unofficial results posted by the Commonwealth Election Commission as of yesterday, Republican mayoral candidates Efraim M. Atalig of Rota, Joey P. San Nicolas of Tinian, and Francisco Jerome K.

Aldan of the Northern Islands won in their respective municipalities.

Independent candidate David M. Apatang won over three other contenders for the position of Saipan mayor.

On Rota, Atalig won with 599 votes—87 more than Melchor A. Mendiola (Ind), who got 512. Both Mendiola and Atalig received 58 early votes.

On Tinian, it was a close call between San Nicolas and incumbent mayor Ramon M. Dela Cruz (Ind) but San Nicolas eventually bested Dela Cruz with seven more votes.

San Nicolas received 703 votes and Dela Cruz received 696. Democratic mayoral candidate David Cing didn't stand a chance with a mere

46 votes overall.

Dela Cruz received majority of the Tinian votes, but San Nicolas received majority of the absentee votes, while both contenders were tied at 157 votes for early voting.

For the Northern Islands, Aldan won with 33 more votes than his competition, Vicente Santos Jr. (Ind). Aldan topped the precinct votes, absentee, and early votes.

On Saipan, Apatang won against three other mayoral candidates. Apatang received 4,206 votes, a 1,253-lead over the second highest vote-getter, Ramon B. Camacho (Ind). Republican bet Joseph A. Reyes received 2,062 while Democratic bet Antonio Mareham stayed in the triple digits at 862.

Apatang dominated every election district, early voting and even absentee votes.

In an interview with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday, Apatang said he felt great about the election results and that he is ready to serve and give his all to the community of Saipan.

"I will work hard to clean up this island and work with the administration, whoever it's going to be and work with other departments and businesses," he said.

Apatang's mission is to provide community services for the people and promote culture and education through local events and programs. He will also develop and foster a community of volunteers that supports a "sustainable tourism industry"

in the CNMI while preserving the cultural and environmental integrity of the island and the cultural identity of its residents.

"I am committed to the tourism industry and will serve the CNMI in the best way I can," he said.

Apatang said he intends to work collaboratively with whoever will be elected to the 19<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

When asked about the issues that the Saipan Mayor's Office face, Apatang said that he is very aware of what is going on.

"There have been longstanding equipment problems and I will work with the Legislature and...to help the office secure additional equipment and funding," Apatang said.

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## Islands' voters endorse three House legislative initiatives

By **THOMAS MANGLONA II**  
CORRESPONDENT

Voters were decisive in their decision to approve on Tuesday three legislative initiatives that were on the ballot: one that calls for a convention to propose changes to the NMI Constitution, another that amends the blood quantum formula to be considered of Northern Marianas descent, and one that raises the budget threshold of public schools in the Commonwealth.

All three initiatives—House Bill 18-5, House Legislative Initiative 18-1, and House Legislative Initiative 18-12—received a majority of "yes" votes from CNMI voters on election day. The results are deemed unofficial until certified by the Commonwealth Election Commission.

According to Article 18 Section 5(b) of the CNMI Constitution, an amendment proposed by legislative initiative becomes effective if approved by a majority of the votes cast.

The constitutional convention initiative, House Bill 18-5, received 7,633 "yes" votes and a total of 3,953 "no" votes.

Under Section 2 of Article 18 of the CNMI Constitution, the Legislature may submit to voters the question of whether or not they desire another constitutional convention.

Majority of both legislative chambers passed the bill to put the question on the ballot. With its passage in Tuesday's election, a constitutional convention may be held to propose amendments to the Constitution in the future.

House Legislative Initiative 18-1 garnered a total of 5,895 "yes" votes and 5,453 "no" votes.

With the passage of this initiative, voters agreed to amend Article 12, Section 4 of the CNMI Constitution to permit any U.S citizen with "at least some degree" of Chamorro or Carolinian blood to be considered a person of Northern Marianas descent and can therefore own land in the CNMI. Article 12 restricts landownership in the CNMI to those considered NMD.

House Legislative Initiative 18-12, which increases the CNMI Public School System's 15 percent annual government appropriation by 10 percentage points, earned 7,826 "yes" votes and 3,958 "no" votes.

The Public School System's annual government appropriation will now be increased to 25 percent because the majority of votes favored the budget increase.

CNMI Board of Education student representative Loria Hocog told *Saipan Tribune* she is thankful for the voters' support.

"The 25 percent that PSS will now receive will enhance the environment and education of the future leaders of the CNMI," she said. "The voters have spoken."

Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan echoed Hocog's sentiments.

"I am grateful for the vote of confidence from the electorate on H.L.I 18-12 and in believing that the CNMI should invest 25 percent of the CNMI revenue in education and for our children," she said in an interview. "This is certainly history in the making and our work to continuously improve our school system and make it the best in the region will now move forward."

This year's election had a record-breaking number 17,986 registered voters.

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# Guam's Calvo-Tenorio team gets four more years

GUAM (Pacific News Center)—Gov. Eddie Calvo and Lt. Gov. Ray Tenorio keep their titles after winning the gubernatorial race with a big lead for the 2014 general election. Based on unofficial results, they had 64 percent of the votes.

As precinct after precinct vote counts were announced

at election central, the incumbents Calvo-Tenorio held a 2-to-1 advantage over their Democratic challenger Gutierrez-Gumataotao throughout the night and early morning. At about 1:20am, even before all ballots were counted, Calvo gave his winning speech to supporters at the Republican headquarters.

Calvo said: "First of all I'm humbled. I serve the people of Guam. The past four years, working for these great people of Guam, I would never disrespect this office or the people of Guam."

At the Democratic headquarters, though the GG team did not win the gubernatorial race, they celebrated the re-

vamping of the Democratic Party on island, majority in the Legislature, and the seat in Congress.

Attorney Gary Gumataotao said: "We've really been fortunate we have a majority in the Legislature and we brought our party back together. After so many years, we see unity. We haven't

had this unity in 12 years or longer. This is something to celebrate. We rebuilt our party and we're going to go forward with what we're doing. We kept [Delegate] Madeleine [Bordallo] in office, very important for us. I think we'll be able to take of business we need to take care of."

He sent a message to his

supporters: "These people really do give it a 100 percent. We really want to tell them we appreciate everything they've done. We're always going to be there for them. I've always worked for our community. I'm going to continue to do that. I love Guam and the people. I want them to know that I'll always be there for you."

## Tokyo MXTV films on Saipan, Tinian, Rota



Tokyo MXTV was on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota last month to film several episodes aimed at introducing the natural beauty and tourism attractions of the destination to its 8.5-million viewers in the Tokyo metropolitan area.

Tokyo MXTV spent Oct. 18-26, 2014, on the islands, taking tours and filming on all three islands in preparation for producing five 30-minute episodes expected to bring the NMI over \$1.8 million in advertising exposure.

"The Tokyo MXTV FAM tour is going to provide Saipan, Tinian, and Rota a tremendous opportunity to reinforce the appeal of our islands to the Japan market, which remains an important part of Northern Marianas tourism," said Marianas Visitors Authority marketing manager Bruce Bateman. "It's critical that the MVA continue to support media [familiarization] tours such as this one to attract visitors from Japan."

On Saipan, a number of popular historic and scenic sites will be featured: Banzai Cliff, Last Command Post, Suicide Cliff, Bird Island Lookout, Grotto, and the Marpi pathway. Marine sports at award-winning Managaha Island were filmed. Retail outlets and eateries visited including Kili Café & Terrace, Winchell's, Cha, Hafadai

Shopping Center, Star Sands Plaza, I'Sagua Spa, and Aqua Resort Club's sunset barbecue.

On Rota, the production team filmed several dive sites, the Japanese Sugar Mill, Twakberry Beach, Songsong Village Lookout, the bird sanctuary, As Nieves Latte Stone Quarry, the Swimming Hole, Teteto Beach, Tonga Cave, Rota Matsushima, a fruit farm, Tokyo En, and the island's fresh water source. A dinner of local dishes was also hosted by a local family.

On Tinian, dives sites were also featured, as well as House of Taga, Taga Beach, historic Broadway Road, JC Café, Chulu Beach, Tinian Dynasty's Casino and North field.

The crew returned to Saipan on Oct. 24 for additional filming of dive sites, Boka Boka Restaurant, Marianas Coffee plantation, Laolao Bay Golf Resort, Country House Restaurant, Sabalu Market, Forbidden Is., Mandi Asia Spa, Marianas Tropical Liqueur, Microl/Toyota Rent A Car, and a traditional canoe house and artifacts near Tipyeew Chamolinian Village in Garapan.

The crew lodged at Hyatt Regency Saipan, Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino, and Rota Resort & Country Club during their tour. (MVA)

## HSEM warns of high surf today

The CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management announced yesterday that a high surf advisory remains in effect until 6pm today, Thursday, along north and west facing reefs.

The public is warned to expect hazardous surf of 7 to 9 feet along west and north facing reefs today. Surf is expected to fall below hazardous levels this evening, based on information received from the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam.

The agency is advising the general public and inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels, to avoid boating in these conditions. "If travel by boat is necessary exercise caution especially near reef lines and when entering or leaving harbors and inlets," it said. "Avoid venturing near exposed reefs and beaches, especially those along north and west facing reefs as rip currents are life threatening." (Saipan Tribune)



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The production crew of Tokyo MXTV filmed at Cha on Oct. 19, 2014, during their FAM tour of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. Pictured from left are Director/Cameraman Yosuke Hosoi, Cha staffers in black shirts, Director Saneyuki Higashigawa, Cameraman Shigeyuki Mori, and Producer Seiva Fukumoto. The show will air five episodes on the Northern Mariana Islands to their 1.8-million viewers.

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# MTEC begins annual round of school outreach

## »T Galleria donates \$3,000-plus

The Marianas Tourism Education Council has begun its annual fall outreach to elementary school students with visits to Garapan Elementary and Kagman Elementary, as T Galleria makes a monetary donation to the cause.

MTEC is taking its message of the importance of tourism to hundreds of students at public elementary schools, with plans to continue outreach to junior and senior high schools in the spring. MTEC's efforts were bolstered by a \$3,042.50 donation from T Galleria this week.

"T Galleria is proud to be a part of the only student organization in the CNMI whose main mission is to educate our youth on the importance of extending the *Hafa Adai* spirit to our visitors," said T Galleria president Marian Aldan-Pierce. "A wave, a simple smile goes a long way to making those who visit our islands feel welcome into our home—to do what comes naturally to us islanders. The MTEC officers and teacher volunteers

at the schools with MY WAVE clubs must be recognized and commended for a job well done all these years."

Last year MTEC visited 11 schools, including on Tinian and Rota.

"Garapan Elementary and Kagman Elementary have kicked off our MTEC presentations by graciously opening their doors to us again this year, and we look forward to visiting the rest of the schools over the next few months," said MTEC chair Vicky Benavente. "Our message is still 'Tourism is Everybody's Business,' and we are encouraging younger students to join the effort by helping to keep the islands clean, being friendly to visitors, and joining their school's MY WAVE Club for more activities."

The MTEC presentation covers visitor profiles, how tourism helps the Northern Marianas, jobs in tourism, and how students can help support the industry. (MTEC)



Marianas Tourism Education Council member Catherine Perry quizzes students at Garapan Elementary following the presentation "Tourism is Everybody's Business" on Oct. 29, 2014. For naming the Hell of the Marianas and XTERRA (Saipan Championship) as two annual signature events of the Marianas Visitors Authority, this student won a Saipan-da backpack.

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## Bluesman Curtis Salgado to bring funk and blues to Godfather's Bar

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Curtis Salgado, the renowned bluesman, vocalist and harmonica player, will be on island for a pair of nights of funk, blues, and soul.

Salgado will be performing at Godfather's Bar next week

Curtis Salgado, the renowned bluesman, vocalist and harmonica player, will be performing at Godfather's Bar on Wednesday, Nov. 12, and Thursday, Nov. 13.

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In 2013, Salgado won three Blues Music Awards for his most recent album, *Soul Shot*. They were for Best Album, Male Artist of the Year, and B.B. King Performer of the Year.

"Salgado is one of the most down-to-earth, soulful, and honest singers ever. His harmonica work is smoking and thoroughly invigorating, rollicking, funky, and electrifying," said *Blues Revue* magazine.

In 2008, Salgado bounced back from health problems, and a successful liver transplant, with his album *Clean Getaway*. *Billboard Magazine* described the album as a "tour-de-force" of Salgado's vocal range and power. The magazine praised its "hardnosed blues" and "beautifully nuanced phat and funky R&B."

Salgado is also tipped as the inspiration of John Belushi's famous movie *The Blues Brothers*. Both the album and DVD of the movie are dedicated to Salgado.

Salgado began his career singing in the 1960s when he was just 16 years old. He has gone on to be the lead singer and harmonica player with Robert Clay, Roomful of Blues, and in his own band, Curtis Salgado and the Stiletos.

Salgado has shared the stage with many famous musicians like Stevie Ray Vaughn, Muddy Waters, Sonny Rhodes, and Otis Rush. He was a vocalist with Santana for their 1994 tour.

Salgado's show at Godfather's Bar will have a cover charge of \$25.

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- I. Preliminary Matters
  - A. Call to Order
  - B. Roll Call
  - C. Adoption of Agenda
  - D. Adoption of Minutes – October 30, 2014 Meeting
  - E. Correspondence
- II. Public Comments\*
- III. Presentation – Fox & Lawson
- IV. Management Reports
- V. Executive Session\*\*
  - A. Personnel Matter
  - B. Legal Matters
- VI. Board Reports
- VII. Miscellaneous Administrative Matters/New Business
- VIII. Adjournment

\* Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to three minutes. Everyone is welcome to submit written comments.

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# 2014 General Elections



Former governor Benigno Fitial, together with his wife Josie, right, heads inside the Garapan Elementary School's cafeteria to cast his ballot on Tuesday.



Gov. Eloy S. Inos is assisted by an election poll worker in finding his name on the list of registered voters at the Kagman Elementary School.



Babauta-Torres supporters camp outside of Garapan Elementary School to wave to passersby.



Precinct 3 voters line up in front of the Garapan Elementary School to cast their votes.



Republican Party supporters in Precinct 3 advocate for their candidates.



Supporters of attorney general candidate Michael N. Evangelista pose for the Saipan Tribune.



Republican Party supporters wave to passing motorists in Garapan.



Supporters of Precinct 5 independent candidate Francis Taimanao wave to motorists early Tuesday morning.





Supporters of Precinct 5 Republican Party candidate Francisco Aguon wave to passing motorists.



Delegate Gregorio Killi C. Sablan slides his ballot inside the ballot box at the Garapan Elementary School Tuesday morning.



CNMI Little League district administrator Mike Borja slides his ballot inside the ballot box at the Legislature on Capital Hill on Tuesday.



House vice speaker Francisco Dela Cruz (Ind-Saipan) is briefed by an election volunteer at the Garapan Elementary School Tuesday morning.



Republican Party supporters pose for the Saipan Tribune.



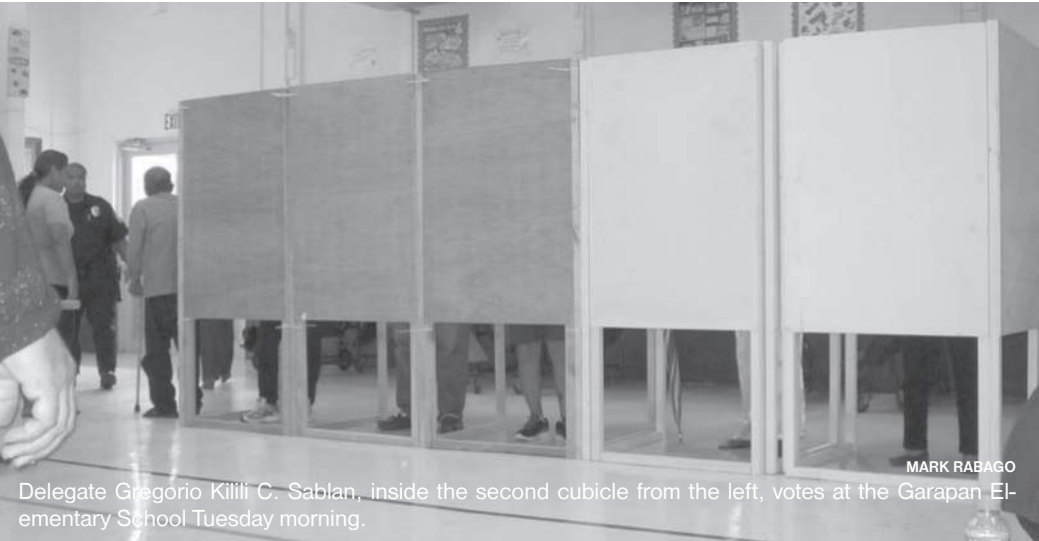
Precinct 5 Republican Party candidate Antonio Agulto (Ind-Saipan) is joined by his supporters.



Democratic Party supporters in Kagman.



Acting Public Auditor Michael Pai and other Office of Public Auditor staff inspect the ballot box at the Garapan Elementary School Tuesday morning.



Delegate Gregorio Killi C. Sablan, inside the second cubicle from the left, votes at the Garapan Elementary School Tuesday morning.



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### EDITORIAL

## Heed the UN's climate alarm



**O**n the eve of a midterm election that has focused on little of substance, a United Nations panel issued another grim warning about what matters most of all: climate change.

The report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released Sunday said the burning of fossil fuels is causing atmospheric changes that will bring droughts, floods, rising seas and intense heat. That in turn will lead to the extinction of wildlife, loss of crops and social upheavals caused by shortages of food and rising numbers of refugees.

"Continued emission of greenhouse gases will cause further warming and long-lasting changes in all components of the climate system, increasing the likelihood of severe, pervasive and irreversible impacts for people and ecosystems," the report found.

Yet for all the apocalyptic alarms coming from usually cautious scientists, nations are not changing their energy policies broadly enough or fast enough to prevent a climate crisis. The reports said energy companies are spending \$600 billion a year to find more coal and oil deposits. And even as the United States and Europe try to limit emissions, developing nations are increasing them.

The United States should use its advanced technological and economic leverage to focus world attention on climate change. That effort can push forward when international delegates gather in Lima, Peru, in a month to set worldwide limits on emissions.

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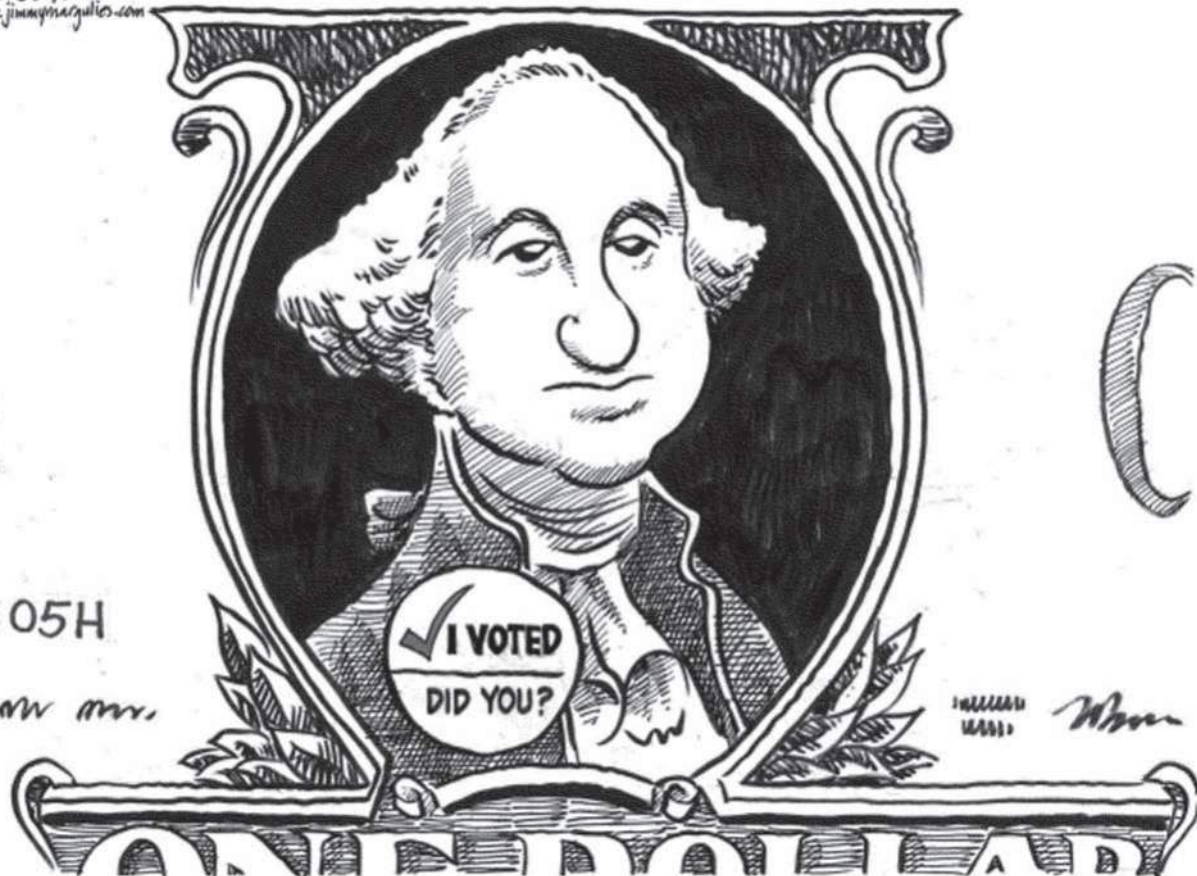
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## American energy story entirely good news

**S**eemingly overnight, gasoline prices have plunged. Regular unleaded is approaching \$3 per gallon at my local Wawa. That's the lowest price since just after the recession ended.

Since nothing makes American consumers happier than lower gasoline prices, they should be cheering now. The American energy story is entirely good news.

Pulling gasoline lower is a surprisingly sharp decline in global oil prices. Just a couple of months ago, a barrel of oil traded for well over \$100 on global markets. Today, the price is closer to \$80.

Slower economic growth in Europe, China, and elsewhere has crimped global demand for oil. More importantly, however, global supply is surging. American production is booming, making the United States once again the world's largest oil producer.

Production is also up in some war-torn countries such as Libya and Iraq. Saudi Arabia, which has historically curtailed output when global prices slumped, is pumping lots of oil, fueling much speculation about the Saudi leaders' motives.

Rumors suggest they might be trying to hurt the Muslim-extremist group ISIS, which is selling oil to finance its rampage across the Middle East. The Saudis might also be trying to pressure Russia to curb its aggression in Ukraine. A more far-fetched theory is that Saudi Arabia wants to short-circuit the U.S. fracking boom by making it unprofitable.

More likely the Saudis want to reestablish discipline in OPEC. The cartel has effectively fractured; most of its member states, especially those run by despots, are cheating on their production quotas. Bringing OPEC into line won't be easy, however, and at best will take time. Oil prices are thus likely to remain low for the foreseeable future.

This is a boon to U.S. consumers. Every time the price of a gallon drops by a penny, consumers save \$1.25 billion over the following year. Assuming prices stabilize near \$3 per gallon, consumers will save \$62.5 billion in 2015—as much as Americans spent on movies, sporting events, and other live entertainment this year.

Consumers are already feeling much better. Confidence gauges have surged in recent weeks to levels last seen before the Great Recession. With unemployment falling quickly, debt burdens about as light as they have been in decades, and the stock market close to record highs, everything is lining up for a robust Christmas buying season.

The good energy news isn't just about lower prices, moreover. America is again a global energy powerhouse. Shale-oil and natural-gas production are booming, helping make the nation energy independent.

Oil imports are at 20-year lows and falling quickly. Most of what we import comes from Canada. So much natural gas is be-

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ing produced that we are trying to export it. Doing so will be difficult, however. The infrastructure needed to ship natural gas overseas is expensive, and laws written when there were lines at gas stations still restrict energy exports.

U.S. natural-gas prices are as low as anywhere in the world. Because natural gas fuels a growing share of the nation's electric power plants, the cost of electricity is also low. Americans pay about half as much for natural gas and electricity as do the Chinese, and about one-fourth as much as consumers in Japan.

The prospect of cheaper energy is attracting global manufacturing back to the United States. This is especially true for the petrochemical and plastics industries that use energy intensively, but energy is important for almost all manufacturing activities.

Low natural-gas prices will provide an even bigger kick to the U.S. economy when we begin to use natural gas for transportation, particularly for trucking. Natural gas-powered trucks are common in other parts of the world. Holding back progress here is a lack of appropriate fueling stations. But smart, enterprising people are working on this problem, and likely to solve it.

Energy independence may also mean we can ask other nations to share the cost of keeping global energy supplies flowing. A large share of the U.S. defense budget now goes to securing those supplies. It stands to reason that countries such as China, India, and Japan, which also rely on this global network, should pay more to safeguard it.

To be sure, we can't take our energy future for granted. Just one environmental calamity—an oil-laden train being derailed, fracking mistakes polluting large swaths of groundwater, or even fracking-related earth tremors—could muck things up badly.

We also need to rethink how we tax energy producers. Their effective tax rate, after various tax breaks and loopholes, is among the lowest of any industry. This makes little sense given the potential environmental costs of oil and gas production.

These caveats aside, the U.S. energy outlook is bright. Given how important energy is to our economy, so too is the economic outlook.



# Sensian fiet na amigo

Gi un` inadiñgan pot “amigo”, ilegña un` tomtum na amku` na ayu amigo-mu i mattu binisita hau antes de umahuchum ata`ot-mu pot uttimu besis.

Mafattu gi hinassoña i tiempu deste pinatgon miyu `nai sessu umakilili` hamyu, i chaleg yan grasia siha, chinatsaga, mañge` yan ma`ug na amesta. Uttimu despedida `nai man-na`e agradesimientu “pot todus”.

He mente este pot umasoda`yu` yan un` atuñgo`hu gi simienteyu para u pega un` korona gi naftan mauleg na amiguña. Pot mas ke bente años, kada sakan tatnai fatta, ha pegaye amiguña korona gi naftan. Bula man-amiguña lau este uniku ha attende gi kada finatton ha`anen mañantos.

Ti hu faisen haf` i motibu. Ayu ilegña i “mauleg na amiguhu”. Ti sumiha dumañkulu lau mafotma fitme na amesta `nai sumiha i dos umeskuela dispues.

Ayu na kinimite dañkulu sustansiaña: Ti malefa ni amiguña maseha esta ti achauña gi hechuran korona. Entalu` hinasso pot korona, seguruyu` na sumaunau tinayuyot para i amiguña. Esta ume` emisirikotdia para una` nahuñge balin un` korona.

Este mismu na eksisiu sinede bumirague` halom giya guiya mis-mu manayuyot pot satbasioña. Tat mas ke este i nina` fitme hine-ñgeña kumu mauleg na kilisyanu.

Hu li`e gi mapos na Sabalu gi simienteyu ha pepega i korona para u adotna i seputturan amiguña. Mauleg yan fiet na amigo! Haye gi halom man-amigumu siña humasso hau taiguine?

## Inasi` i gi esta man-hanau

Gi ma`pos na Sabalu yan Dameño, selebrasion ha`anen mañantos yan man-matai ta bisita i seputturan mañaina-ta, mañelu, yan parentela ni esta man-madispone.

Seguruyu` na ta baba pahinan lepblon niha mientras sige tinayuyot-ta `sino duranten `nai manotohge hit gi seputtura. Huñgan tali`e ta`lu finapos niha gi halom grasia kontodu disgrasia `sino chatbida ni ti mana` fagpu` antes de u fan madispone.

Lau gi selebrasion sakramienton ostia (eucharist) `nai gaige oran man-dispensa pot para u fan siña humuchom petmanente lepblon niha ya u fan hanau felis. Sumen namagof na siñiente i man-dispensa. Tinagu` Sainata as Jesukristu.

Este na selebrasion petmanente patte gi kutturan yan tradision natibu deste antes. Sumen metgot na pisu gi mana` fitmen pogse` dinaña` familia.

# What if politicians really told the truth?

Each year as the election cycle approaches a zenith of ro-bocalls, shrieking television ads and mailboxes full of fliers, I get nostalgic. I get nostalgic for a normal workload, because endorsement season for editorial writers is like December for Santa’s elves. I get nostalgic for dog food commercials, with their lovable pugs and Boston terriers, because I prefer them to the snarling pit bulls and Rottweilers featured in the campaign commercials that suck up every bit of ad time.

And I get nostalgic for the movie “Bulworth.” Warren Beatty and Halle Berry starred in the 1998 cult classic about a politician who, because he believed he was about to be assassinated by a hit man he had hired to do the job, and was badly sleep deprived, began to tell the truth about everything. He became beloved and was instead assassinated by “the establishment” for telling those truths.

I wonder how a knowledgeable politician who told the truth at all times would fare? Could a member of Congress tell the truth:

On immigration?

“I know I’ve been claiming for years that we have to secure the border first, then deal with the illegals who are already here, but it’s time I fessed up. We can’t secure the border. Securing the border is a myth. About 40 percent of our undocumented immigrants come in legally and just stay. New York City had 11.4 million international visitors last year: They didn’t swim the Rio Grande to get here and we can’t make them leave. The real mystery is why anyone pays smugglers \$5,000 to bring them in when it’s cheaper and easier to just fly to Orlando, take in Disney and Universal for a weekend, then just stay. So, yeah . . . that whole ‘fence the border’ thing, I just wanted you to like me.”

On waste, fraud and abuse?

“Listen, I know I’ve been saying I’ll balance the budget by stopping the waste, fraud and abuse, but if I knew how to do that I wouldn’t be running for State Assembly. I’d be running for emperor-for-life, and I’d win. We can’t stop waste because the folks who support the wasteful programs (farm subsidies, weapon systems so useless the military doesn’t want them, post offices on every corner that people hardly visit) are too powerful. And fraud and abuse are just stealing. Saying I’ll stop it is like a police chief saying he’ll end car break-ins. Just not possible.”

On education?

“I’ve been promising to fix the schools, but they’re mostly not broken. It’s just that the failing ones serve poor kids who fell so far behind between birth and age 6 that they mostly can’t catch up. For them, the hours they spend at school are the safest, most struc-

Estague` lokue` na tiempu `nai humalom selebrasion Noche Buena `sino ha`anen gupot siha. Na katma hinassomu ya un` pipet familiamu guatu gi sadog pas, inafamauleg yan inaya gi halom todus. Na fitme mas finana`guen espirituat piot gi man-hoben.

## Sentimienton Patgon

Bastara ke satton na respetu tanana`e mañaina-ta, sumaga ha` lokue` ayu na siñiente i sentimienton patgon gi mañaina-ta.

Poresu na ni unabes `nai mattu gi hinasoghu na un` dia siempre lokue` u fan hanau para i taihinekog na deskanson niha.

Dispues mattu ayu na ha`ane `nai man-hanau. Gi biradan simienteyu (separau dos biahe) sige hinasoghu umafulu` yan sentimienton patgon gi sainaña.

Gi halom katotse na mañelu, guahu i mas amku` ya taya` preparasion katgon familia dispues de ma`pos i dos amku`.

`Nai sige man-atatiye halom kehan mañelu magahet na sumugu`yu` gi simienteyu man-gagau ayudu. Finatoghu tatte gi dispues de i che`chu` hu soda dos paluman mansu gi hilu` guma`. Humalom-yu` na i dos saina. Hu ayu`us pot kulan mabisitan ñai-hon-yu` lau hu dispacha. Buente masiente na kulan`yu` pumininite. Hu katga dispues kilu`os-hu sin ditension.

Ayu mas umaminasa-yu` i finenina na pueñgen Noche Buena `nai pot primet biahe ti kabales i hagas lamasan nana. Hu pañot gi tinayuyot. Magahet na misin lago`hu lau esta man-hanau.

Na guaha lokue` kampu gi korason miyu tinayuyot para ayu siha na animas i ni unu humahassu na tiempu. Megai bendision-mu gi karera mona.

## Aregon Mañaina-ta

Gi halom todumattiru, ni unabes `nai sumeha i dos amku` gi mapre-beniyen mantesion familia deste neñkanu`, magagu, fanliheñg esta i finana`guen espirituat.

In` hassu i dottrina, primet komuñon yan konfitmasion? Siha sumuhon hit para ta prekura ineyag espirituat. I uttimu `nai man-mapega hit gi sagata gi hechuran inakamu`.

Gi katkuet mattitu sen timagtos mapega papa` areglon pisun halom guma`. Maseha ti malalañag siha pot fatigau dispues de che`chu` gualu, sige ha` mana`e animu rumikonose nesessidat familia.

Dispues de felis hinanau kada patgon, gaige ha` ta`lu na mananañga finatton bisnietu yan bisnieta siha. Ai na nina` magof, pasensia yan grasiosiu na dinaña yan konbetsasion. Ti apasiyon todumimon niha.

tured parts of their day. They get fed, have heat and air conditioning and deal with adults trying to help them grow and learn. We need kids to stop having babies. We need to ensure a comfortable, stimulating and loving infancy for poor tots. Without that, increasing spending on schools is like setting money on fire.”

On Social Security?

“I know I say the system is going broke and benefits will be reduced if we don’t do something, but it’s a lie. We’ll either hike taxes to fix the funding, or borrow more to pay the benefits, because elected officials would rather paper-cut their eyeballs and pour salt under the lids than cut Social Security benefits to seniors. Sorry about all the fearmongering. It seemed like a great idea at the time, and everyone was doing it.”

We need candidates who would spit these hot truths. But first

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Political stuff

Just flew back in from Guam, ran home for a couple of minutes and then straight to the polls. It was pretty great because I also ran into some great candidates who are also great friends.

The minute I finished voting, I walked across the road to say “hi” and I saw a couple of friends with tears in their eyes and I asked what was wrong and they looked at me smiling and they said, “You’re walking.” I turned to them, smiled, and said, “Now all I’ve got to do is get on ‘Dancing with the Stars!’” It was a beautiful moment, laughing with them.

For the past few elections, they needed to come to the house so that I can exercise this great right to “choose” who we think can best represent what is best for the wonderful people of our paradise. So for the first time in a long time, I “walked in” to the voting booth and chose who I know will best represent us.

The one guy who I’ve wanted to see for a long time was Kilili. It was bittersweet because I found out that he has back problems himself, which is painful, to say the least. But the one thing I know about Greg is he could be bedridden but that won’t stop him from taking great care of representing us and our interests in the nation’s capital.

The same is true about Eloy. This man is unstoppable! Once he starts something, he won’t quit until the job is done. He is truly a great man and a great governor. I am proud and honored to know him. He is my friend, former boss, uncle, mentor, etc. We have a

## By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.

Special to the Saipan Tribune



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`Nai ha diñgu ham si nanan mame, kada finatoghu gi gima` i dos amku` gaige si tatahu listu para una` sena-yu`. Tai minagtos ayu na assistimientu estake ha diñgu ham lokue`. Para i pinepblen niha esta na` tañges `an hu konsidera i animun niha yan konsuelu para hame todus. Hu li`e na magof yan felis hinanau niha. Este solu konsuelu-hu.

■■■

Magahet na i patgon ni satton gi mañainaña ha sosoda` lokue` ginefsagaña gi kareraña. Ya sumen magahet na mauleg in` assiste siha gi inamku` niha sa` siempre hagu lokue` un` fattu guennau na estau. `An chatmañetbe hau, pues ennau para un` machogue ni mismu famaguon-mu. Muña puminite hombre hagu un` hasñgon gi mismu mañaina-mu.

■■■

Gi finaposhu lokue`, dañkulu yan satton na respetu hu pega gi relasion-hu yan prohimu-hu. Hu akseptague` gi hilu` sensian kilisyanu. Ni haf` ya bai` chogue, gi uttimu besis parehu na lugat `nai para bai`n asoda`.

Kumeke ileghu na ni bai` mau`udai first class ya guiya gi economy gi halom batkon aire, siempre bai`n afagcha` gi un` lugat: sagan katga para bai`n chili` maletan mame. Ti mapot este na kuentas: parehu klassita tautau.

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Gi un` taloa`ne hu dandan ayu na kanta i “Danny Boy”. Sunidun despedida entalu` un` tata yan lahiña ni humalom sumindalu. Il-elegña i amku` na un` dia ya un` bira hau siempre un` li`e gi fina` yanu ginen kañadan sabana un` plaset malahyu pot fañomnagan. Bai siente `angacha` sapatosmu yan tinayuyot-mu `an dumimu hau gi naftan-hu. Bai` gaige guine ha`ane yan pueñge estake mattu hau mage giya guahu.

## By LANE FILLER

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we’d need a voting public that would support such honesty. In the movie, Sen. Jay Bulworth got shot. In real life, he would have been labeled a crank, lost his election by 20 points, and been dumped by Halle Berry.

little joke between us and that he is “worfted it”! It’s a great privilege to have him in my life.

Now that there will be some changes at the House and Senate, it’s the perfect time to start lobbying for medicinal marihoochi. Why, you may be asking yourselves. The answer is “because it works”! Trust me on this because I know it works.

There’s a federal office that that handles Medicare and Medicaid and they put everyone on notice that the federal government will no longer help subsidize co-payments for any drugs containing any sort of cannabinol and/or THC. There’s this drug called “Marinal” that I used to get and it worked great for me because it gave me the munchies!

One of the symptoms of my stupid disease is anorexia. I’ve got to force myself to eat, literally! I’ve been hospitalized a few times for “severe dehydration” because I have no appetite. Smoking it works and it’s great and all that but, in all honesty, it hurts. It hurts because I always get the good stuff and the good stuff makes me cough, which hurts my back. So for now, no choice because the pills are very expensive.

Good luck, Guam! I truly hope that your initiative passes!

And *Biba* CNMI! This election is just a preview of the runoff, which I think is a stupid but necessary law. There should have been a primary in the GOP because, let’s face it: Eloy, Heinz, and Juan are Republicans. Let’s call a spade a spade! Let’s stop all the back-biting and stick with the norm. Partisan politics! God bless you all and God bless the CNMI!






## Michael Geisinger

Dandan, Saipan

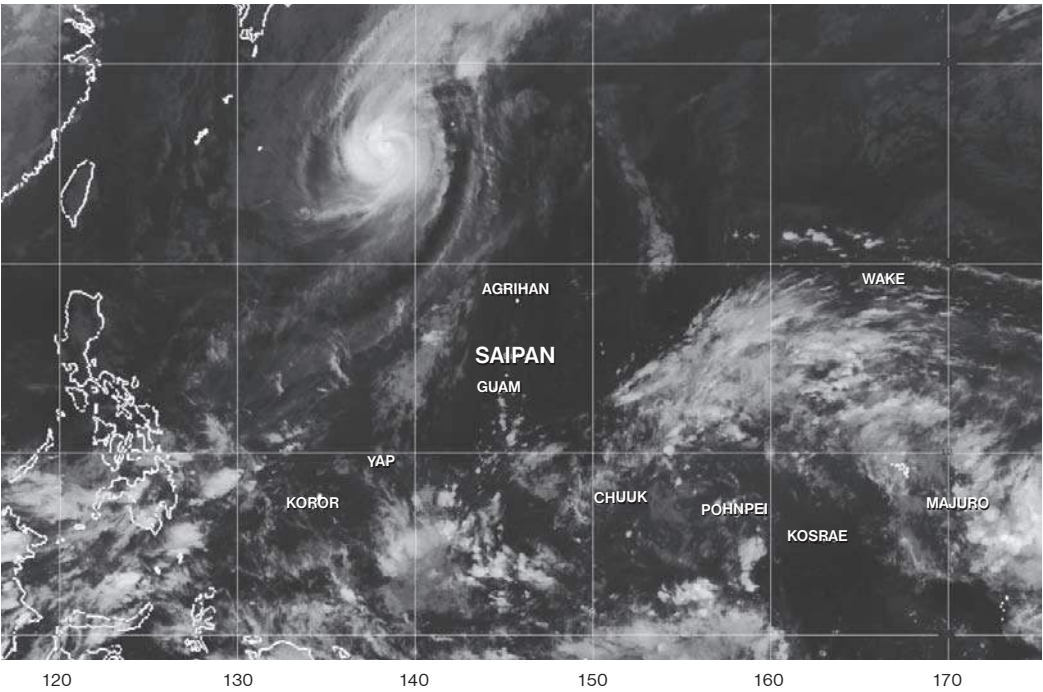


# The Weather

### 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2014  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Typhoon Nuri is centered 935 miles north-northwest of Guam at 25N138E moving northeastward at 12 mph with maximum sustained winds of 115 mph. Scattered to numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring within 250 miles of the center of Nuri. For more information on Typhoon Nuri, see warnings issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and public advisories issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. A surface trough meanders eastward from 5N142E through weak circulations centered west of Pohnpei near 7N156E and southwest of Kwajalein near 8N166E to cross the date line at 8N. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are found east of Majuro between 2N and 9N from 175E to the date line. Scattered showers are present over Kwajalein and Majuro within 250 miles of a line from 10N166E to 6N173E and farther west between Yap and Chuuk within 150 miles of lines from 10N143E to 3N140E and from 10N148E to 7N150E to 2N147E. An upper-level trough extends northeastward from a low near 14N153E to 20N163E then heads eastward to beyond the date line at 21N. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are seen southwest of Wake Island between 10N and 17N from 155E to 164E. Isolated thunderstorms are occurring northwest of Wake Island within 60 miles of a line from 21N160E to 22N165E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the national weather service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the national weather service guam homepage: [www.Prh.Noaa.Gov/guam/](http://www.Prh.Noaa.Gov/guam/)

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲85	▼77
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼78
Yap	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼79
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼77
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼77
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼79

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Thundershowers	▲61	▼51
Beijing	Sunny	▲52	▼32
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲79	▼72
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲84	▼75
London	Partly Cloudy	▲52	▼37
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲84	▼59
Manila	Mostly Cloudy	▲87	▼75
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲74	▼54
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲80	▼71
New York	Cloudy	▲64	▼53
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲73	▼55
Paris	Mostly Sunny	▲53	▼42
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲69	▼49
Rome	Rain	▲65	▼60
Salem	Mostly Cloudy	▲67	▼56
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	▲76	▼56
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲65	▼38
Tokyo	Showers	▲65	▼57
Washington, DC	Cloudy	▲70	▼56



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- \*11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at [www.nmicrimestoppers.com](http://www.nmicrimestoppers.com)

Tides			
Saipan Harbor			
12:53 AM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.1 Feet
7:18 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
1:04 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.5 Feet
6:34 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	6:15 AM	6:46 PM
Friday	6:15 AM	5:46 PM
Saturday	6:15 AM	5:46 PM
Sunday	6:16 AM	5:46 PM
Monday	6:16 AM	5:45 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	5:18 PM	5:16 AM
Friday	6:08 PM	4:13 AM
Saturday	6:59 PM	7:11 AM
Sunday	7:51 PM	8:06 AM
Monday	8:43 PM	9:00 AM

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3	UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm	6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm	6, 7
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm	1, 5	UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	2, 4	UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 5
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm	1, 5	UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm	1, 5	UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm	1, 5
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm	6, 7	UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm	2, 4
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm	6, 7	UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)				PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	11:30pm	2, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:30am	3:05pm	3, 7 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:40am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL297	4:20pm	7:20pm	Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:30am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	7C 3402	8:00am	1:25pm	5, 7
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
7C 3401	2:20pm	6:30pm	5, 7	7C 3402	9:30am	2:55pm	1, 2, 3, 4, 6
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
7C 3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	1, 2, 3, 4, 6	OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764A	4:00am	8:00am	4, 7	MU763A	6:50pm	2:30am+1	3, 6
MU764	4:00am	8:00am	1, 5	MU763	7:20pm	3:00am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	OZ704/603	12:10am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN	PR110/UA5041	7:35am	6:35pm	1,5 via GUM
UA5069/PR111	2:45am	4:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	PR110/UA5077	7:35am	8:05pm	3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	3, 6, 7 via GUM	PR110/UA5043	7:35am	10:20pm	1, 5 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM	DL172/288	7:55am	1:30am+1	Daily via NRT
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	3, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/473	6:05am	10:20pm	Daily via NRT	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA5071/PR111	6:40am	4:50pm	3 via GUM	UA184/5071	10:25pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM
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## EU cuts growth forecasts as big economies falter

**BRUSSELS (AP)**—The European Union cut its already low economic growth forecasts further on Tuesday, indicating the recovery will remain sluggish amid problems for the bigger countries, particularly France and Germany.

The official forecast for growth this year in the 18-country eurozone was cut to 0.8 percent from a prediction of 1.2 percent made in the spring. Indicating little good was expected next year too, it reduced the 2015 prediction from 1.7 percent to 1.1 percent.

"The situation in the euro area remains extremely fragile," said German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

Unemployment in the currency union was forecast to decrease at a painfully slow rate—after 11.6 percent this

year, it is expected to dip to 11.3 percent next year and 10.8 percent in 2016.

The broader 28-nation EU, which includes non-euro members like Britain and Sweden, was expected to grow 1.3 percent this year from a previous 1.6 percent forecast.

To help speed up the recovery, EU Financial Affairs Commissioner Pierre Moscovici said the bloc should focus on spending on special projects, for which the EU Commission has a 300 billion euro (\$375 billion) plan.

He said the plan would be presented to the EU parliament before the end of the year. "There is a real sense of urgency."

The economic weakness stems in particular from a poor performance in Europe's larger countries, with the exceptions of Spain and Britain.

## Ford issues 5 recalls covering 202,000 vehicles

**DETROIT (AP)**—Ford is recalling more than 202,000 cars, vans and trucks in North America in five separate recalls to fix gas leaks, air bag sensors, stalling and other issues.

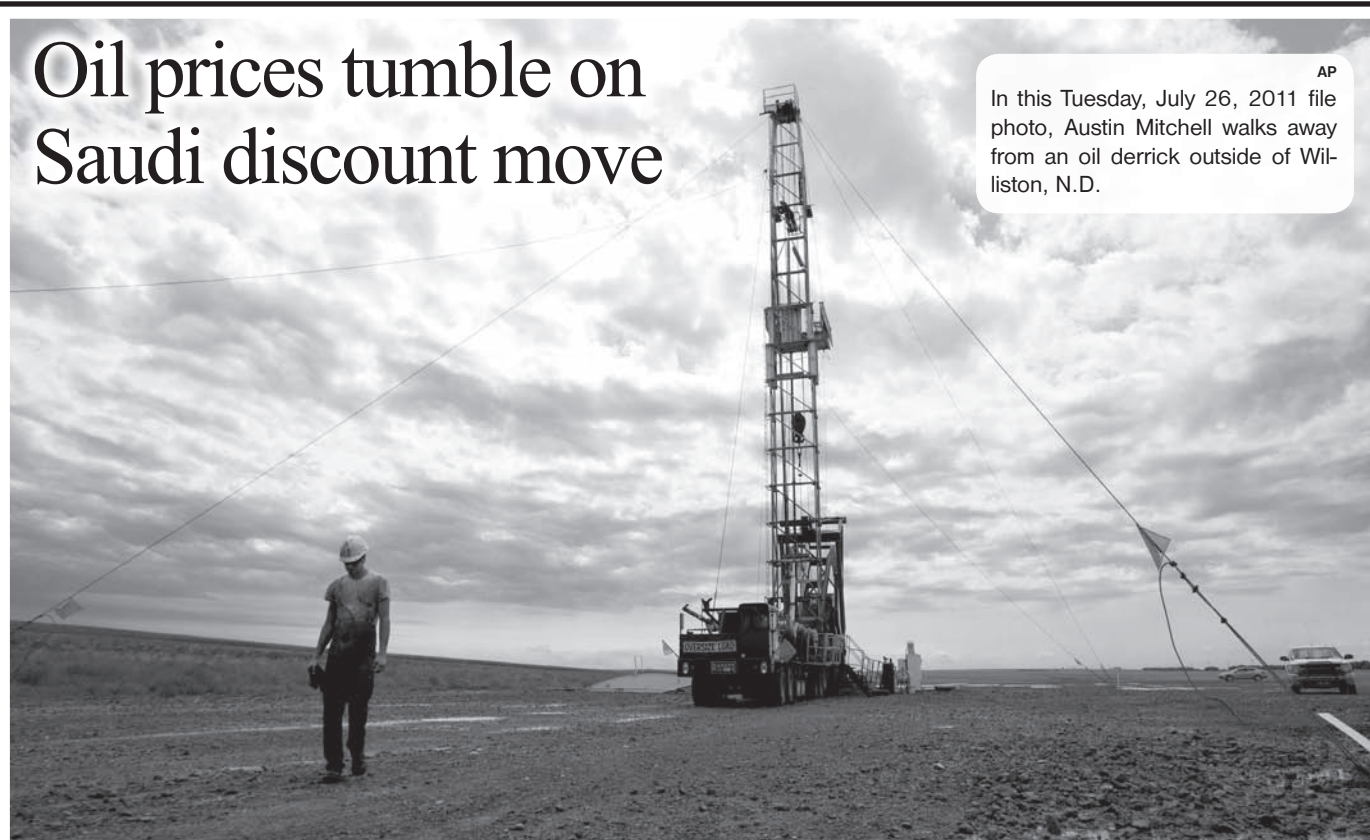
The company says the problems have caused one accident, but it's not aware of injuries in any of the cases.

The biggest of the recalls announced Tuesday affects about 135,000 F-150 pickups and Ford Flex family haulers from the 2014 model year. Faulty passenger seat weight sensors can stop air bags from inflating in crashes. Dealers will widen a gap between the seat frame and track, and then recalibrate the sensors. Also covered are some 2009 through 2014 F-150s that were serviced for seat track problems this year.

The recalls are examples of how automakers are moving faster to report and correct safety problems in the wake of large penalties paid to the U.S. government by General Motors and Toyota. GM was fined \$35 million for its slow response to the ignition switch recall and Toyota paid a \$1.2 billion penalty to settle a criminal charge that it hid safety information from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

So far this year, automakers have issued over 550 recalls affecting more than 52 million vehicles. That shattered the old full-year record of 30.8 million recalled vehicles set in 2004. GM alone has issued 75 recalls totaling more than 30 million vehicles this year.

## Oil prices tumble on Saudi discount move



AP  
In this Tuesday, July 26, 2011 file photo, Austin Mitchell walks away from an oil derrick outside of Wiliston, N.D.

**LONDON (AP)**—Oil prices slumped to multi-year lows on Tuesday after Saudi Arabia cut the price of oil sold to the U.S., a move that is shaking an already volatile market but will likely give the world economy an unexpected stimulus.

The 25 percent or so slide in oil prices since the summer could boost consumer spending and business investment in many economies around the world as fuel bills fall.

But not everyone's a winner. Oil producing countries like Russia and Venezuela, which have high extraction costs and whose budgets rely on assumptions of relatively high energy prices, stand to lose out. And lower prices could eventually slow down booming production in the U.S., offsetting the benefit of lower energy costs for consumers and businesses.

U.S. oil dropped another 2

percent Tuesday to \$77.19, at one point falling to \$75.84, the lowest level since October 2011. It was trading at \$100 a barrel as recently as July. Brent, the international benchmark, declined 2.3 percent, to \$82.82, having earlier fallen to \$82.08, its lowest level in just over four years.

Adam Slater, senior economist at Oxford Economics, reckons the recent fall in oil prices, if sustained, could add around 0.4 percent to GDP in the U.S. in two years, and a little less in Europe. China, which is the second-largest oil consumer and on track to become the largest net importer of oil, could see GDP 0.8 percent higher than it otherwise would have been.

"This is similar to a surprise stimulus," said Slater.

Though a drop in demand is a factor in the current slump amid concerns over global

growth, Slater says supply-side factors are having a much bigger impact than back in 2008, when demand plummeted as the global economy tanked. The rise of fracking in the U.S., the return of oil output from Iraq and Libya and Saudi Arabia's willingness to resist production cuts have combined to weigh on prices.

On Monday, Saudi Arabia, OPEC's largest oil producer, cut prices for customers in the U.S. The move has been interpreted as an attempt by the country to maintain its market share in the world's largest economy against supplies from the likes of Canada, Mexico and Venezuela and U.S. shale oil producers.

Phil Flynn, senior market analyst for the Price Futures Group, said Saudi Arabia's move was directly aimed at those U.S. producers, who have boosted U.S. oil output to

the highest level in decades. As a result, U.S. imports of crude oil from Saudi Arabia dropped to 894,000 barrels a day in August, down from 1.3 million barrels a day in the same month a year ago.

Saudi Arabia is "threatened by U.S. oil production and they are acting to try to break the U.S. producers back," Flynn wrote in a daily newsletter to clients.

The drop in oil reverberated in the U.S. stock market Tuesday. The Dow Jones transportation average touched a high of 8,870.90. Airline stocks such as American Airlines and United Continental gained close to 2 percent. Meanwhile, major oil companies such as Exxon Mobil and Chevron fell about 1 percent, while Continental Resources, which primarily operates in the U.S., fell 7.5 percent.

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# Nation

## GOP takeover: Republicans surge to Senate control

WASHINGTON (AP)—Riding a powerful wave of voter discontent, resurgent Republicans captured control of the Senate and tightened their grip on the House Tuesday night in elections certain to complicate President Barack Obama's final two years in office.

Republican Mitch McConnell led the way to a new Senate majority, dispatching Democratic challenger Alison Lundergan Grimes in Kentucky after a \$78 million campaign of unrelieved negativity. Voters are "hungry for new leadership. They want a reason to be hopeful," said the man now in line to become majority leader and set the Senate agenda.

Two-term incumbent Mark Pryor of Arkansas was the first Democrat to fall, defeated by freshman Rep. Tom Cotton. Sen. Mark Udall of Colorado was next, defeated by Rep. Cory Gardner. Sen. Kay Hagan also lost, in North Carolina, to Thom Tillis, the speaker of the state House.

Republicans also picked up seats in Iowa, West Virginia, South Dakota and Montana, all states where Democrats retired. They had needed a net gain of six seats to end a Democratic majority in place since 2006.

In the House, with dozens of races uncalled, Republicans had picked up 11 seats that had been in Democratic hands, and given up only one.

A net pickup of 13 would give them more seats in the House



Alice Butler-Short, a supporter of Virginia Republican Senate candidate Ed Gillespie displays her American flag shoes while she waits for poll results at the election night party at Embassy Suites hotel in Springfield, Va., Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2014.

than at any time since 1946.

Obama was at the White House as voters remade Congress for the final two years of his tenure—not to his liking. With lawmakers set to convene next week for a postelection session, he invited leaders to a meeting on Friday.

The shift in control of the Senate, coupled with a GOP-led House, probably means a strong GOP assault on budget deficits, additional pressure on Democrats to accept sweeping changes to the health care law that stands as Obama's signal domestic accomplishment and a bid to reduce

federal regulations.

Obama's ability to win confirmation for lifetime judicial appointments could also suffer, including any Supreme Court vacancies.

Speaker John Boehner, in line for a third term as head of the House, said the new Republican-controlled Congress would vote soon in the new year on the "many common-sense jobs and energy bills that passed the Republican-led House in recent years with bipartisan support but were never even brought to a vote by the outgoing Senate majority."

Said outgoing Senate Major-

ity Leader Harry Reid, a Democrat, "The message from voters is clear: They want us to work together."

Legislation to approve the Keystone XL pipeline from Canada is likely among the disputed issues to be debated.

There were 36 gubernatorial elections on the ballot Tuesday, and several incumbents struggled against challengers. Tom Wolf captured the Pennsylvania statehouse for the Democrats, defeating Republican Gov. Tom Corbett. Democratic Gov. Pat Quinn lost in Illinois, Obama's home state. Republican Larry

Hogan scored one of the night's biggest upsets, in Maryland.

In a footnote to one of the year's biggest political surprises, college professor Dave Brat was elected to the House from Virginia, several months after he defeated Majority Leader Eric Cantor in a Republican primary.

House Republicans defeated 19-term Democratic Rep. Nick Rahall in West Virginia, beat Rep. John Barrow in Georgia and picked up a seat vacated by a lawmaker in North Carolina.

After years of a sluggish economic recovery and foreign crises aplenty, the voters' mood was sour.

Nearly two-thirds of voters interviewed after casting ballots said the country was seriously on the wrong track. Only about 30 percent said it was generally

going in the right direction.

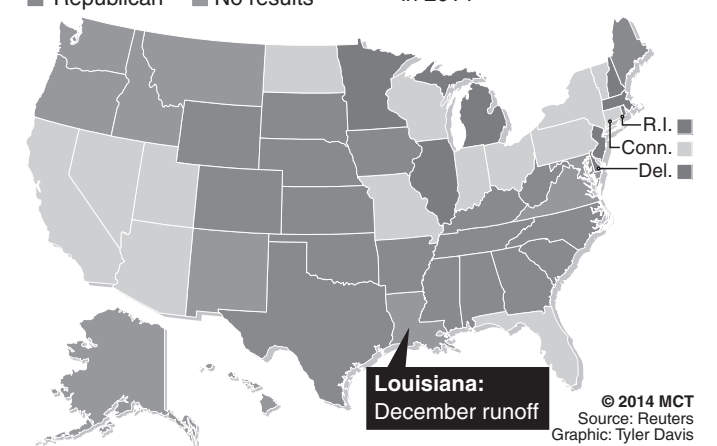
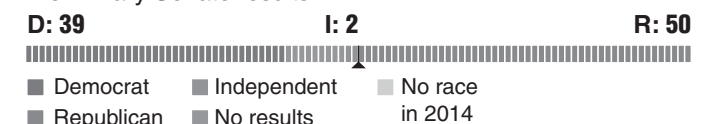
More than four in ten voters disapproved of both Obama and Congress, according to the exit polls conducted for The Associated Press and the television networks.

Still, a majority of those polled supported several positions associated with Democrats or Obama rather than Republicans—saying immigrants in the country illegally should be able to work, backing U.S. military involvement against Islamic State fighters, and agreeing that climate change is a serious problem.

No matter which party emerged with control of the Senate, a new chapter in divided government was inevitable in a nation marked by profound unease over the future and dissatisfaction with its political leaders.

### U.S. Senate

Preliminary Senate results



## Ballot measures: Oregon, DC voters OK use of pot

NEW YORK (AP)—Voters in Oregon and the District of Columbia approved ballot measures Tuesday allowing the use of marijuana by adults, elating legalization activists who hope to extend their winning streak across the country.

Oregon will join the company of Colorado and Washington state, where voters approved the recreational use of pot two years ago. And the District of Columbia is on the same path unless Congress, which has review power, blocks the move.

Still to come were results from Alaska, which also had a marijuana-legalization measure on its ballot Tuesday.

Other volatile issues on state ballots include gambling and abortion. Voters in Washington state, faced with two competing measures on gun sales, approved an expansion of background checks.

The District of Columbia's marijuana measure does not provide for the legal sale of marijuana, leaving that matter up to the D.C. Council. That's different from the measures in Oregon and Alaska, which would follow the example of

Colorado and Washington state in setting up systems for regulating and taxing retail sales of marijuana.

The Drug Policy alliance, one of the leaders of the legalization campaign, said Tuesday's results would bolster its efforts to push through a ballot measure in California in 2016.

"The pace of reform is accelerating, other states are sure to follow, and even Congress is poised to wake from its slumber," said Ethan Nadelmann, the alliance's executive director.

Oregon's measure calls for pot legalization by July 1, and requires the state Liquor Control Commission to adopt regulations by Jan. 1, 2016.

Oregon sheriffs were among the law's chief opponents, contending that legalization would give children access to marijuana and could lead to more people driving under the influence.

The campaign in D.C. included a debate about race—the measure's supporters said blacks in the city had been disproportionately targeted for marijuana arrests.

Gary Fulwood, a support staffer for the city's fire and

EMS department, voted for the initiative.

"The criminal justice system is getting bogged down by marijuana use, and a lot of the people who use marijuana aren't criminals," Fulwood said. "I don't see it being any worse than alcohol."

In Florida, a measure that would have allowed marijuana use for medical reasons fell short of the 60 percent approval to pass; near-complete returns showed it getting about 57 percent of the vote. Twenty-three states allow medical marijuana.

Some of the other questions before voters Tuesday:

### ABORTION

In Colorado and North Dakota, voters rejected measures that opponents feared could lead to bans on abortion.

The Colorado proposal would have added "unborn human beings" to the state's criminal code. It was the third measure on Colorado ballots in recent years seeking to grant "personhood" to the unborn.

North Dakota voters rejected an amendment that would have declared in the state constitu-

tion "the inalienable right to life of every human being at every stage of development must be recognized and protected."

In Tennessee, voters approved a measure that will give state legislators more power to regulate abortion. Opponents fear it will lead to tough new laws that would jeopardize women's access to abortions.

### GAMBLING SHOWDOWN

In Massachusetts, voters passed up a chance to say "No" to casinos. They rejected a measure that would have repealed a 2011 law authorizing development of a slots parlor and up to three resort casinos. There are none in the state now, but casino plans have been approved for three cities across the state.

A victory for the anti-casino forces would have marked the first time—at least since the modern era of U.S. gambling began in 1931—that a state reversed a major legislative decision to expand gambling.

### MINIMUM WAGE

Voters in Arkansas and Nebraska approved increases in their states' minimum wages. In Arkansas, it will rise from \$6.25 an hour to \$8.50 by 2017, in Ne-

braska from \$7.25 to \$9. Two other states—Alaska and South Dakota—also were voting on minimum wage increases.

### GUN SALES

In Washington state, voters approved a measure to expand background checks on gun sales and transfers; the checks will be extended to private transactions and many loans and gifts. The rival measure would have prevented the state from expanding checks in that fashion; it was trailing statewide.

Like federal law, Washington law currently requires checks for sales or transfers by licensed dealers but not for purchases from private sellers, like those who sell at gun shows or to friends.

### SICK TIME

Massachusetts voters approved a measure that supporters say will establish the nation's strongest requirement for providing paid sick time to workers. Workers will be able to accrue up to 40 hours of paid sick time in a given year, earning one hour for every 30 hours worked. Companies with 10 or fewer employees would be exempt.

### TEACHERS TAKE STANDS

In Missouri, voters defeated a measure—bitterly opposed by teachers' unions—that would have tied teachers' jobs and salaries to the performance of their students.

Teachers unions were supporting an initiative in Washington state that would reduce class size and increase staffing support in grades K-12. State financial experts believe the measure would eventually cost the state about \$2 billion a year to pay for thousands more teachers and other school staff.

### FOOD FIGHT

Colorado voters rejected a measure that would have required labeling of certain genetically modified foods. The proposal would have applied to raw and packaged foods produced entirely or partially by genetic engineering, but not apply to food served in restaurants.

A similar measure was on the ballot in Oregon.

Opponents of the requirements—including food corporations and biotech firms—said mandatory labels would mislead consumers into thinking engineered ingredients are unsafe, which scientists have not proven.



# Asia

## Indonesian women's killings shock Hong Kong

**HONG KONG (AP)**—Inside the upscale, metallic grey apartment tower rising from the heart of Hong Kong, police uncovered an unspeakable crime that has jolted this city proud of its reputation for safety and order.

The bodies of two slain Indonesian women were found, one stabbed in the neck and buttock and the other stuffed into a suitcase, with cuts to the neck. Police immediately arrested 29-year-old British banker Rurik George Caton Jutting, who had led them to his apartment where the bodies and a knife were found.

Now, the families of the women as well as Hong Kong police and Indonesian officials are trying to figure out how the horror unfolded and who to hold accountable.

Indonesia Consulate spokesman Sam Aryadi confirmed Tuesday that one of the victims was 29-year-old Seneng Mujiasih, who had come from the city of Muna on Sulawesi island on a domestic worker permit. She had let the visa lapse, Aryadi said, and ended up "hanging out" in the red light district of Wan Chai.

There she had gone by the Filipino-sounding alias of Jesse Lorena Ruri, another official said. A picture posted on a Facebook page set up in her honor showed her smiling widely, dressed in a glittering silver cocktail dress, perched on a bar stool.

Hong Kong police identified the other victim as 25-year-old Sumarti Ningsih, who was in Hong Kong on a tourist visa that expired Monday.

Speaking to TV reporters Tuesday from the village of Gandrungmangu on Indonesia's Java island, Ningsih's father, Ahmad Kaliman, demanded justice for the crimes.

"The perpetrator has to be sentenced to death, or at least life in prison," the 58-year-old said.

He noted the suspect's profession and added, "He also has to pay money to help support Ningsih's 5-year-old son in the future."

The two women appeared to be among the thousands of migrant workers looking for better pay in the wealthy financial hub. About half of the 319,325 migrant domestic workers in Hong Kong are Indonesian and nearly all are women, according to Amnesty International.

Jutting, who appeared disheveled and dazed before appearing in court Monday, had recently quit the job he had since 2013 in structured equity finance and trading for Bank of America Merrill Lynch in Hong Kong.

He's expected to cooperate with police on Friday in helping reconstruct the crime in his 31st floor apartment in the J Residence tower.

As recently as Oct. 15, Jutting had posted a picture on Facebook apparently of the glass-and-steel balcony where Ningsih's body was found in a suitcase. All the friends "liking" the photo were young Asian women, mostly with Filipino names.

Other photos on his Facebook page show the pro-democracy protests that have filled Hong Kong's streets since late September. On Sept.

30, Jutting even posted the movement's yellow ribbon as his profile photo.

Jutting graduated from Cam-

bridge University, where he was secretary of the university's history society.

He has yet to enter a plea to the

two murder charges against him.

The consulate was arranging for the bodies of both women to be return home for burial.

"Both of the women came from small cities," Aryadi said. "We are working to have them sent back to their families."



### LOY KRATHONG

In this file photo, thousands of paper-made balloons, powered by burning oil, rise into the evening sky in Chiang Mai province, some 580 kilometers (360 miles) north of Bangkok during the Loy Krathong Festival, Saturday, Nov. 16, 2013. Revelers in northern Thailand have been asked not to launch lanterns into the sky near airports to avoid airborne accidents during a popular festival this week, airport officials said Tuesday. The air traffic control center in Chiang Mai province has declared a 5-kilometer (3-mile) zone around the airport where people are advised not to launch lanterns from Wednesday to Friday, when Loy Krathong festival celebrations will take place, said Kiattisak Rienvatana, the center's director.

## Tokyo neighborhoods' small shops keep crafts alive

**TOKYO (AP)**—The Japanese capital is home to many modern creations: high tech, animation, youth fashion. But in the small crafts shops crowding the area known as Yanasen, you can watch artisans preserving traditional crafts, or updating them.

Yanesen (a combination of three neighborhood names, Yanaka, Nezu and Sendagi) is in Tokyo's old downtown. Some of its shops go back generations, while others are new.

On the Yanaka Ginza shopping street, Midori-ya, in business since 1908, sells items handmade from bamboo, include chopsticks and baskets, as well as more modern cellphone charms, earrings and figurines. Farther down the street, a tiny storefront houses the young artists of Ito Manufacturing, who hand-print T-shirts with their own illustrations and make custom hanko. A hanko is a personal seal traditionally used instead of a signature; Ito gives it an up-to-date twist with cute illustrations of animals, including pandas, a French bulldog and a cat drinking beer.

In many of the neighborhood shops you can see the craftspeople at work. At Shibata Shoten,



In this 2014 photo Takahiro Yoshihara makes a candy beetle at Amezaiku Yoshihara in Tokyo.

look past the display of paper lanterns and you'll see lantern painter Keiichi Shibata at his work table. The shop, started by his great grandfather, has been in business for about a hundred years in various locations around the neighborhood. It used to make paper umbrellas, for which there's little demand nowadays. The lanterns can be painted with a customer's name and family crest, and while Shoten says the samples on display are his mistakes, you'd never know it to look at them.

Then there's the woodworking shop Ito Furoten, which started out making wooden baths around 1925 (furo-ten means "bath shop"). Azusa Miyahara, the fifth-generation owner, says not many women do this kind of work, but her father had only daughters, so he passed the business on to her 10 years ago.

The tradition of soaking in a bath is still strong in Japan, but tubs now are often made of other materials. So while Miyahara still makes wooden ones on

order, the shop has branched out to include trays, vases, stools and other items. Passers-by can watch her at work, surrounded by tools and materials.

Other neighborhood shops feature items made of fabric or paper; perhaps the best show is one that uses sugar. Amezaiku—the craft of making elaborate candy figures individually by hand—used to be a common traditional entertainment. Now, it's a rare skill.

At candy-maker Amezaiku Yoshihara, you can buy a ready-made item, including variations on the shop's rabbit mascot, or pick a creature from a catalog to be custom-made on the spot. The craftsman takes a glob of sugar syrup, adds a drop of coloring and—using only fingers and a small pair of steel scissors—quickly works it into a detailed little creature. He has only a few minutes before the sugar hardens.

"Children who watch the magical event of the candy being made stare open-mouthed," says the shop's English flyer, but when I watched Takahiro Yoshihara pull the sugar into the legs and horns of a Japanese rhinoceros beetle, the kids weren't the only ones gaping.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Sri Lanka confirms at least 10 dead in mudslide

**COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP)**—Sri Lanka confirmed Tuesday that at least 10 people died and 28 are still missing from a mudslide at a tea plantation last week, as officials began using voting and school records to count how many more people may be buried under the mud. The Disaster Management Center said 1,755 people remain in temporary shelters because their homes were destroyed or made unsafe by last Wednesday's disaster at the Koslanda plantation in Badulla district, about 140 miles (220 kilometers) east of Colombo. Officials initially reported that more than 250 people were buried under the mud but reduced the number drastically.

#### Thai man convicted of defaming king on Facebook

**BANGKOK (AP)**—A Thai court sentenced a university student to 2 1/2 years in prison on Tuesday for posting a message on Facebook that the court said insulted the country's king. A Criminal Court judge found 24-year-old Akkaradet Eiamsuwan guilty of violating Thailand's lese majeste law, which punishes people who defame, insult or threaten the monarchy. The ruling said Akkaradet used an alias to post the message on Facebook in March. He was arrested in Bangkok in June and has been in jail since then.

#### Pakistan police: Muslim mob kills Christian couple

**ISLAMABAD (AP)**—Police in Pakistan say a Muslim mob has beaten to death a Christian couple and burned their bodies in a brick kiln where they worked over them allegedly desecrating the Quran. Tuesday's slaying is the latest targeting minorities in Pakistan who allegedly committed blasphemy. Local police officer Mohammed Pervez says Tuesday's attack took place in the town of Kot Radha Kishan in eastern Punjab province. Pervez said officers were trying arrest those involved. He declined to elaborate.



## World

## Report: IS group abused captive Kurdish children

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**BEIRUT (AP)**—Islamic State militants tortured and abused Kurdish children captured earlier this year near the northern Syrian town of Kobani, beating them with hoses and electric cables, an international rights group said Tuesday.

Human Rights Watch based its conclusions on interviews with several children who were among more than 150 Kurdish boys from Kobani abducted in late May as they were returning home after taking school exams in the city of Aleppo. It said around 50 of the Kurds escaped early in their captivity, while the rest

were released in batches—the last coming on Oct. 29.

“Since the beginning of the Syrian uprising, children have suffered the horrors of detention and torture, first by the Assad government and now by ISIS,” said Human Rights Watch’s Fred Abrahams. “This evidence of torture and abuse of children by

ISIS underlines why no one should support their criminal enterprise.”

Four of the children who were released told the New York-based rights group that they were held by the extremists in the northern Syrian town of Manbij. They described frequent abuse at the hands of the militants, who used a hose and electric cable to administer beatings.

The boys, ages 14 to 16, said that some of the worst abuse was reserved for captives who had family members in the Kurdish militia known as the YPG, which has been locked in heavy fighting with Islamic State militants for control of

Kobani since mid-September.

The children said the Islamic State group did not say why they were being released, other than that they had completed their religious training, the Human Rights Watch report said.

Islamic State militants have taken hundreds of Kurds captive over the past year as part of the group’s brutal campaign to take over predominantly Kurdish areas of northern and eastern Syria.

On Tuesday, the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the extremists had released dozens of Kurds taken captive in February. It was not immediately clear why the Is-

lamic State group would release the captives now, nor whether a deal had been made with the Kurds for a prisoner exchange.

The fight over Kobani, meanwhile, has raged on, with the Islamic State group pressing its assault despite fierce resistance from the town’s Kurdish defenders and heavy U.S.-led airstrikes against the extremists. On Tuesday, clashes focused on the eastern and western sides of the town, the Observatory and an Iraqi Kurdish fighter said.

A militant video posted online Tuesday showed the aftermath of apparent U.S.-led airstrikes, which saw a large plume of black smoke rise over a neighborhood in the town.

## Mexican cops nab mayor, wife in case of 43 missing

MEXICO CITY

(AP)—Mexico’s most-wanted couple, accused of running their town as a drug fiefdom and ordering an attack that killed six and left 43 college students missing, were caught Tuesday in a rough-and-tumble neighborhood of Mexico City where they were hiding.

Federal police seized Jose Luis Abarca and his wife, Maria de los Angeles Pineda, in a raid before dawn in Iztapalapa, a working-class neighborhood of the capital. It was a far fall from their reign of wealth and power as the mayor and first lady of Iguala, a town in southern Guerrero state where the students from a teachers’ college went missing Sept. 26, allegedly at the hands of police and a drug cartel.

Even as they were hauled off to the Attorney General’s organized crime unit to give their statements, the capture did nothing to answer the biggest mystery: Where are the students? Their disappearance, and the failure to make progress in the case, has ignited protests across the country and broadsided President Enrique Pena Nieto’s efforts to paint violence in Mexico as a thing of the past.

“News like this just makes you angrier,” said Mario Cesar Gonzalez, whose son, Cesar Manuel Gonzalez, is among the missing students. “I wish they would put the same intelligence services and effort into finding the students. The ineptitude is staggering.”

Authorities have uncovered mass graves and the remains of 38 people, but none has been identified as the missing students. Besides Tuesday’s arrests, at least 56 other people have been taken into custody, and the Iguala police chief is also being sought.

Some hoped the couple’s detention would provide new leads.

“This was the missing piece. This arrest will help us find our kids,” Felipe de la Cruz, the father of one of the miss-



Abarca



Pineda

ing students, told Milenio television. “It was the government who took our kids.”

No shots were fired in Tuesday’s raid on three houses, including the one in which the couple was hiding, according to a federal official who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

One of the houses was a run-down stucco structure with cracked and stained walls and men’s jeans hanging out to dry.

Attorney General Jesus Murillo Karam said 60 federal agents had staked out the three houses, and were tipped off to the couple’s presence by a female associate, Noemi Berumen, who apparently accompanied the couple or aided them in their flight from justice. Berumen was also detained in the Tuesday raids.

“The house they were found in looked as it were abandoned,” Murillo Karam said. “The reason we started to suspect this person (Berumen) was that she appeared to be entering an abandoned house.”

Before they fled last month, the couple ran Iguala like a fiefdom in cooperation with the local drug cartel, Guerreros Unidos. Abarca received up to \$220,000 every few weeks as bribe money and to pay off his corrupt police force, according to Attorney General Jose Murillo Karam, who gave a detailed account last month of the couple’s alleged collusion with organized crime.

The mayor’s wife was a major operator in the cartel, an offshoot of the Beltran Leyva gang, Murillo Karam said. Two of her brothers were on former President Felipe Calderon’s most-wanted drug trafficker list until they were killed in 2009. A third brother, Salomon Pineda, was believed to run the territory in northern Guerrero state for the cartel.

Guerreros Unidos has in-

creasingly turned to the lucrative practice of growing opium poppies and sending opium paste to be refined for heroin destined for the U.S. market, according to a federal official.

## Twin German towns split by wall reunited again



AP  
In this picture taken Oct. 29, 2014, remains of the border at the death strip between West and East Germany are seen in Boeckwitz Germany.

**BOECKWITZ, Germany** (AP)—Friedrich-Wilhelm Lenz was only a toddler when the wall went up that split his family’s 75-hectare (185-acre) farm in two—dividing the cow stall and even a restaurant on the land.

It was 1952, and East German authorities were erecting the wooden barrier that broke up the twin towns of Zicherie in the capitalist West and Boeckwitz in the communist East. The two had operated as one for centuries—sharing markets, schools and social clubs—and had long been the site of the Lenz family farm.

Years before the collapse of the Berlin Wall—whose 25th anniversary falls on Sunday—East Germany had already started sealing off its main frontier with West Germany, spanning nearly 1,400 kilometers (870 miles), dividing communities, friends and even families.

The Lenz family keenly felt the trauma of division. The

East German authorities seized their property and forced them to relocate to another town on the communist side of the border. They didn’t like it and were able to move to the part of their property that remained in Zicherie in 1960.

But they left Friedrich-Wilhelm’s older sister, Anneliese, with an aunt so she could finish high school before rejoining them.

It was a tragic error. In 1961, East Germany built the Berlin Wall to stem an exodus of its citizens and left the family fractured. That also turned a still relatively porous divide between East and West into a full-fledged Iron Curtain.

“We were here and my sister was in the East,” recalled Lenz, today 64. “It was brutal and hard for us.”

Hammering home the fate that could await them if they tried to bring Anneliese across, East German guards shot and killed journalist Kurt Lichtenstein at the border near

Boeckwitz and Zicherie as he was working on a story about Germany’s division in October 1961. He was one of some 700-800 people killed at the border throughout the Cold War.

Over the years, the barrier between Boeckwitz and Zicherie was strengthened, first with a mesh-steel fence topped with barbed wire, then, in 1979, a tall concrete wall with a mined “death strip” and a guard tower.

It was only in 1986—a quarter century after separation—that Anneliese was allowed to rejoin her family in the West.

Boeckwitz native Willi Schuette was 13 when the town was first divided after World War II. In those early years before any walls went up, people could easily cross back and forth. And after the Schuette family lost their farm to East German authorities, they decided to relocate to a West German village 25 kilometers (15 miles) away.

Schuette remembers regular-

ly making the trip to Zicherie to look across into Boeckwitz and take pictures of life in the East—once finding himself looking through the lens into the barrel of an East German border guard’s rifle.

“He took his rifle and pointed it at me like he wanted to kill me,” Schuette recalled. “I was full of fear because on my side in the West there were no border guards.”

Schuette started to flee. But as the soldier also turned to leave, he wheeled around and snapped a black and white photo.

Following reunification, both the Schuette and the Lenz families got their confiscated property back.

The photos that Schuette shot—including the soldier who pointed his gun at him—are now part of a museum he runs on his family’s land.

“If we don’t preserve something like this,” he said, “then nobody would know about it today.”



# Environment

## Kerry urges US-China cooperation on climate change

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State John Kerry said Tuesday the U.S. and China must work together to stave off a global catastrophe from climate change. He appealed for greater cooperation between the two world powers despite strains between them over cyber theft and maritime security.

Kerry heads to Beijing this week, to set the stage for a visit by President Barack Obama for a regional summit and talks with Chinese President Xi Jinping. That will be first leg of a three-nation swing through Asia, intended to underscore the president's commitment to the region despite the necessity of American attention on security crises in the Mideast and eastern Europe.

But there have been growing signs of friction in the U.S.-

China relationship in the past year, despite efforts to expand areas in which they work together and forge closer personal ties between their leaders, after Obama and Xi held an unusually informal summit meeting in California in June 2013.

Kerry emphasized what Obama administration officials have been saying since they declared a reorientation of American foreign policy toward Asia during the president's first term—that the “rebalance” toward the region is not aimed at countering the growing might of China.

“The US-China relationship is the most consequential in the world today. Period. And it will do much to determine the shape of 21st century. That means that we have to get it right,” Kerry



Secretary of State John Kerry, left, shakes hands with Chinese State Councilor Yang Jiechi outside Kerry's home on Beacon Hill in Boston, Friday Oct. 17, 2014.

commended China for committing \$130 million in aid to combat Ebola in West Africa, and to deploy a military unit to Liberia.

“That's global leadership,” Kerry said.

He made the case in stark terms for greater cooperation between the U.S. and China on climate change, which he said presented not just an environmental threat to the world, but one to the economy, health and security as people compete for food and water resources.

“That will change the nature of security and conflict in the world. That's the reality of what we're up against. That's why it is so imperative that the United States and China lead the world with genuine reductions and put us on a path to real progress,” Kerry said.

Kerry said that together, the U.S. and China, the world's two largest economies and energy consumers, account for nearly 50 percent of global emissions.

Despite the appealing logic of the U.S. and China working together to tackle global problems, and Xi's eagerness for what he calls a “new model of great power relations,” Beijing has taken an increasingly defiant stance toward Washington on issues where they disagree.

said in an address on U.S.-China relations at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies in Washington.

But Kerry also made clear the U.S. wouldn't back down over its differences with China on cyber espionage, human rights violations and maritime security in the South China Sea, where China has disputes with several of its Southeast Asian neighbors that could spark conflict.

“Our differences will undoubtedly continue to test the relationship,” Kerry said. “But they should not, and in fact, must not, prevent us from acting cooperatively in other areas.”

Kerry praised China's help on combating nuclear proliferation by Iran and North Korea and welcomed a growing Chinese role for the stability of Afghanistan as the U.S. draws down its forces after 13 years of war. He

### FIRST FRIDAY FILMS

## Shattered Sky free film on Friday at AMP

All audiences are invited to the free showing of the film *Shattered Sky* at American Memorial Park on Friday, Nov. 7, at 6:30pm. In this month of Thanksgiving, the film reminds us how the world solved the crisis of the hole in the ozone layer and looks at how we can apply the same solutions to act on climate change.

Thirty years ago, scientists reported a hole in the ozone layer “the size of North America” which turned out to be the biggest environmental crisis ever seen. The culprit was CFCs, prevalent in billions of dollars worth of products like refrigeration and air-conditioning products that had revolutionized the American way of life. Doctors forecast sky-



rocketing rates of cancer. The stakes were “life as we know it.” But business remained bitterly opposed and politicians were initially slow to act. For the first time in film, *Shattered Sky* goes inside the ozone crisis to explore how America

led the world to a solution. It inspires viewers toward the same can-do spirit on climate change today.

First Friday Films is a partnership between American Memorial Park, the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality, and the Humanities Council with support from other organizations and individuals. This particular film is sponsored by BECQ. As always, our film events are free and open to the public. This event will run approximately 60 minutes.

For more information about First Friday Films, email [ffsaipan@gmail.com](mailto:ffsaipan@gmail.com) or check out [www.firstfridayfilmssaipan.blogspot.com](http://www.firstfridayfilmssaipan.blogspot.com). (BECQ)

## Study says natural factors, not humans, behind West Coast warming

SEATTLE (The Seattle Times)—When scientists on a boat in the Gulf of Alaska pulled their net in August, they saw something stunning: a live ocean sunfish.

Mostly found in the tropics or temperate waters, these giant 6-foot-long snub-bodied creatures are incredibly rare in Alaska. And that was just the start.

Four days later, one of the same researchers saw a warm-water blue shark circling near another sunfish. Days after that, the boat hauled up yet another living sunfish.

“No one had ever talked about seeing one alive,” said Wyatt Fournier, research fish biologist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. “Not only did we get two aboard in one week, but my commercial fishing buddies started telling me they were

bumping into them when fishing for salmon.”

The waters of the Pacific Ocean have been so unusually warm this year that fishermen and researchers from Alaska to California have spied a host of bizarre visitors, from thresher sharks that rarely make it north of Vancouver, B.C., to the northernmost recorded sighting of a skipjack tuna.

Portions of the North Pacific haven't seen sea temperatures this high in at least a century of record-keeping. In some areas, waters are more than 5 degrees Fahrenheit above average.

“The North Pacific hasn't been this warm ever, as far as anyone knows. It's really strange,” said Bill Peterson, oceanographer with NOAA's Northwest Fisheries Science Center in Newport, Ore. “It looks like an El Nino, but it really isn't. We don't really

know what it is.”

For the moment, oceanographers and atmospheric scientists don't see a link to human-caused climate change, but also say what they've seen doesn't match other recognized patterns in ocean conditions.

They believe the severe warmth may well be the result of poorly understood natural variability—in this case a ridge of high pressure that kept the normally stormy Pacific unusually calm through two winters. That helped prevent cold water at depth from churning up and cooling the ocean surface.

“I don't know that there's much to make of this, other than you've got a really unusual two-winter pattern of weather than left a huge imprint on the ocean,” said Nate Mantua, with the Southwest Fisheries Science Center in California.

### 5th Dear Death Anniversary

*We, the family of*

### †Paul Chandler Hamilton

Would like to invite all our relatives, friends and acquaintances to join us in prayer as we commemorate the 5th year Death Anniversary of our dearly beloved, husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Mass will be offered on  
Saturday, November 8, 2014  
at Kristo Rai Church  
at 6:00AM.

Your prayers, thoughts  
and presence are  
greatly appreciated

Thank you

*The Family*





## Life & Style

# Daughters inspire independent Disney princesses

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—A Disney princess no longer needs a prince to experience true love.

Sisterhood saves the day in “Frozen.” Motherly love breaks an evil spell in “Maleficent.” A little girl’s love of her own life is a focus of Pixar’s next film, “Inside Out.”

Where romance was once the goal of the cinematic princess (think “Cinderella” and “Sleeping Beauty”), Disney—long a key purveyor of princess ideology—is shifting its lens toward independent female protagonists defined by broader criteria than how they relate to men. Filmmakers, inspired by their daughters, hope the shift might change some real-life perspectives, too.

“All these Disney heroines, the princesses, they’re a product of their time,” said Linda Woolverton, who wrote “Maleficent,” released on DVD Tuesday. “The princesses that were created in the 1940s and ‘50s, they were the best of what a woman should be then: You’re the good girl. You took abuse ... and through it all, you sang and were nice.”

“But we’re not like that anymore. We kick ass now.”

Woolverton reflects that in her work, which includes screenplays for “Beauty and the Beast” and “Alice in Wonderland.” She thought of her love for her daughter when writing the twist on true-love’s kiss in “Maleficent,” she said.

“It’s different than any kind of romantic love,” she said, “and it would be more powerful in breaking a spell than any other kind of love.”

Don Hahn, an executive producer of “Maleficent,” said it would be “totally inappropriate” to have a modern Sleeping Beauty rescued by Prince Charming.

“We can’t put a movie on the screen where the protagonist is asleep through half the movie and only wakes up when a man wakes her up and tells her, ‘OK, you can start your life now,’” he said. “I don’t want to tell my daughter that story.”

Jennifer Lee also was thinking of her daughter when writing and directing “Frozen.” She wanted to create characters they both could relate to, and felt the bond between sisters would be more accessible to a young girl than the lure of romantic love. Lee also wanted to reflect the real girls she knows, which meant leaving familiar princess tropes behind.

Though Anna initially seeks a prince, she, like Elsa, is ultimately motivated by familial love. The two lead characters weren’t originally written as princesses, Lee said.

“We did it to add pressure to them,” she said. “In Cinderella’s

This image released by Disney shows, from left, Duke Weselton, voiced by Alan Tudyk, Anna, voiced by Kristen Bell, and Elsa the Snow Queen, voiced by Idina Menzel, in a scene from the animated feature “Frozen.”



la’s case, becoming a princess is the happily ever after. In our case, becoming a princess put the pressure on them because they’re responsible for an entire kingdom.”

Meanwhile, “Cinderella” is getting a face lift from Disney, with an updated, live-action version due out in 2015. The following year, the studio is releasing the animated “Moana,” centering on a female island adventurer. Pixar’s “Inside Out” is set for release next summer.

Writer-director Pete Docter said his daughter inspired the Pixar movie, which tells the story of an adolescent girl growing up from the perspective of the emotions inside her head. The

tale has nothing to do with her finding romance, he said.

“That’s not part of my daughter’s story,” he said. “This story is about becoming and getting older.”

Hahn acknowledged some concern among producers about how Disney traditionalists might view these evolved princesses.

“We thought the purists, the Disney fans, what are they going to think? Because you’ve got to have your prince and all that,” he said. “But the idea is yeah, you can have your prince, but that’s a component of your life.”

Feminism pioneer Gloria Steinem said such independent female characters can make a

difference in real-life gender perceptions.

“If we can see it, we can be it,” she said. “If we don’t see it, we don’t know we can.”

It has paid off at the box office. “Frozen” has brought in more than \$1.2 billion globally, making it the fifth highest grossing movie ever, according to box-office tracker Rentrak. “Maleficent” was a hit over the summer, with \$750 million in worldwide ticket sales.

Lee hopes seeing independent girls on screen valued for strength and with goals beyond romance, will help real-life girls avoid the pressure of trying to meet an idealized female image.

“The more we create real

characters that are flawed and messy, we won’t waste our time with all that stuff and we can just get on with living,” she said.

Woolverton expects more realistic and empowered female characters as more women find work as writers and directors.

“Naturally, women as artists are portraying themselves as protagonists,” she said. “The protagonist doesn’t stand behind anyone else. ... They lead on their own.”

Hahn believes seeing independent female characters benefits both girls and boys—that you don’t have to be a man to be an engineer or a scientist and you don’t have to be a woman to be a great cook or raise children.”

## Playing Hawking a complex equation for Redmayne

**TORONTO (AP)**—Time is relative, especially for young actors tasked with playing brilliant theoretical physicists.

Eddie Redmayne estimates that the euphoria of being cast as Stephen Hawking for the film “The Theory of Everything” lasted a millisecond. Then came the overwhelming fear.

“And that fear remained the whole way through the process,” Redmayne said in an interview earlier this fall.

The gentle, freckled 32-year-old British actor was asked to not only lead a film for the first time, but to play a mathematical genius across decades of physical degeneration—all under the watchful gaze of said mathematical genius. Ahead of screening “The Theory of Everything,” Hawking ominously told Redmayne: “I’ll tell you what I think, good or otherwise.”

With such pressure, Redmayne could be forgiven for quietly slipping into the nearest black hole.

But in the year’s most technically complex role, Redmayne gives what’s surely the performance of his young career, one that seeks to capture not only

the step-by-step disintegration of ALS that led Hawking from healthy youth to paralyzed adulthood, but (and more importantly) the scientist’s unvanquished spirit, the unimpeded expansion of his imagination.

“He was given a death sentence,” says Redmayne, referring to the diagnosis given Hawking as a 21-year-old, when he was expected to live only a few years more. Now 72, he went on to father three children, marry twice and author significant discoveries in cosmology as in the best-selling “A Brief History of Time.” “So you live every single moment to the full, and that’s what I wanted an audience to leave with. That’s what I left this experience with.”

Director James Marsh (“Man on Wire”) remembers well his first meeting with Redmayne, a London native best known for his Tony-winning turn in John Logan’s “Red” and his tender revolutionary Marius in “Les Misérables.” One pint turned to five, the conversation going into the night.

“He was just full of ideas and passion for this,” says Marsh. “He knew somewhat what this might entail in terms of preparation and physicality. Eddie’s crazy ambitious. He’s not ambitious for money or fame. He’s ambitious to do great work. He’s fearless, too. It was a real leap into the dark for him.”

“The Theory of Everything” is based on Jane Wilde Hawking’s 2007 memoir “Traveling to Infinite: My Life With Stephen.” Aside from a biopic, it’s a portrait of an uncommon marriage. Felicity Jones plays Jane, whom Hawking met at Cambridge University in the early ‘60s.

The film begins with their early courtship, which coincided with the discovery of a motor neuron disease in Hawking. Redmayne plays each stage of Hawking’s increasing disability, going from a lame leg to a walking stick, to two sticks, to a wheel chair. Gradually he loses his voice, his body language, his facial expressions.

“It felt like solving a puzzle,” says Redmayne.



Redmayne

Redmayne spent four months researching, working on the physicality and feebly studying Hawking’s physics. He trained with a choreographer, met with academics (Redmayne also went to Cambridge), visited with many ALS sufferers and had an expert study old photos of Hawking to trace the disease’s effects.

“There were moments along the way where I know he felt really, really defeated,” says Marsh.

To guide him, Redmayne posted three photos in his trailer: Albert Einstein, James Dean (since Hawking was, Redmayne says, “a ladies man”), and a joker playing card, to capture Hawking’s playful side. “If you’re in a room with him, he’s definitely running the room,” says Redmayne.

But aside from all the technical challenges, Redmayne imbues Hawking with a sly mischievousness. Much of the performance is in a glint behind his eyes.

“What emanates from him when you meet him is this kind of wit and humor,” says Redmayne. “Even though he can

move so few muscles, he has one of the most charismatic, expressive faces you’ve ever seen, which is a weird irony. There were many things I found out from meeting with him, but one of the overall things I took away was finding he does not live a disease. He lives forward and has done since he was 21 years old. There’s an unerring optimism to him. That meant every single scene, even when obstacles are being through, find the funny, find the glint.”

When Hawking saw the film a few weeks before its premiere at the Toronto Film Festival, he judged it “broadly true.” But he offered a personal endorsement, giving Marsh his unique computer-generated voice to use in the film.

Redmayne, widely considered a lock for an Oscar nomination, has plans to star in the next film by Tom Hooper (“Les Misérables,” “The King’s Speech”). But he hasn’t worked since filming “The Theory of Everything.” The gravity of the part, for which he lost some 20 lbs., is slowly falling off him.

He sighs. “I had many glasses of wine after.”

## Shailene Woodley leads People’s Choice nominees

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Actress Shailene Woodley and singer Sam Smith are the leading nominees for the 2015 People’s Choice Awards with four nods apiece.

Nominees in 58 categories were announced Tuesday in Los Angeles.

Woodley is up for dramatic actress, action-movie actress and twice nominated for favorite movie duo: with her “Divergent” co-star Theo James and “The Fault in Our Stars” co-star Ansel Elgort.

Smith is nominated for male artist, breakthrough artist, favorite song for “Stay With Me” and favorite album for “In the Lonely Hour.”

Voting is open to the public and will continue through Dec. 4.

Winners will be presented during the People’s Choice Awards ceremony on Jan. 7, 2015. Actresses Anna Faris and Allison Janney will host the program at the Nokia Theatre and broadcast on CBS.



# Rare van Gogh gets \$61 million at New York auction

**NEW YORK (AP)**—A rare piece of artwork painted by Vincent van Gogh weeks before his death sold for \$61.8 million Tuesday at a sale kicking off New York City's fall art auctions of impressionist and modern art.

The 1890 painting, "Still Life, Vase With Daisies and Poppies," had expected to fetch between \$30 million and \$50 million at Sotheby's evening sale in Manhattan.

Van Gogh painted the bouquet of wildflowers at the French home of his physician, Dr. Paul Gachet, in 1890. It's one of the few works the Dutch artist sold during his lifetime.

One of the founders of the Museum of Modern Art, A. Conger Goodyear, acquired it in 1928. It remained in the family

for decades and was on permanent exhibition at the Albright-Knox Art Gallery in Buffalo for 30 years. The most recent owner bought it around 1990.

The auction record for a van Gogh is \$82.5 million.

The big-ticket auction at Sotheby's also brought in \$101 million for "Chariot," a rare sculpture by Alberto Giacometti. The 1951 bronze sculpture features an elongated goddesslike figure perched atop a wheeled chariot. The price almost broke the \$104.3 million record for the Swiss artist.

The 1951 piece, embellished with paint to enrich the textural quality of the bronze, has been in the same collection for over 40 years. Giacometti made six casts of the "Chariot" during his lifetime.

The one sold Tuesday is one of only two painted examples.

Another important sculpture sold at the auction was Amedeo Modigliani's "Tete." It fetched \$70.7 million, just topping the previous auction record for the artist at \$69 million.

The deitylike elongated head was carved in 1911 and 1912 from a block of limestone scavenged from a Paris construction site. It had a presale estimate of \$45 million.

The auction house Bonhams, which is selling more than 700 items from the homes of Lauren Bacall, offered two Henry Moore sculptures from her collection on Tuesday.

"Maquette for Mother and Child: Arms" sold for \$281,000, just over its pre-sale estimate high of \$200,000, and

"Working Model for Reclining Figure: Bone Skirt," sold for over \$1 million, topping its presale estimate of \$600,000 to \$800,000.

The legendary actress' other artwork, jewelry and furniture will be offered for sale in March.

All prices included the buyer's premium.

The major fall sales continue Wednesday at Christie's. Among the highlights is a celebrated portrait of a Parisian actress by Edouard Manet. "Spring" has a presale estimate of \$25 million to \$35 million.



**AP**  
This undated file photo provided by Sotheby's shows Vincent van Gogh's "Still Life, Vase With Daisies and Poppies."

## Maureen O'Hara cries at thought of honorary Oscar



**AP**  
In this April 10, 2014 file photo, Maureen O'Hara arrives at 2014 TCM Classic Film Festival's Opening Night Gala at the TCL Chinese Theatre in Los Angeles.

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Maureen O'Hara's most recent film credit was more than a dozen years ago, but the 94-year-old actress said she's ready for a role anytime.

"I don't worry about going

to movies," she said. "I worry about acting in movies."

O'Hara is among this year's recipients of honorary Academy Awards. She'll accept the Oscar statuette—her first—at the film academy's Governors Awards

ceremony Saturday night alongside fellow honorees Hayao Miyazaki, Jean-Claude Carriere and Harry Belafonte.

O'Hara said she cried when she heard the news, then cried again when discussing the honor during a recent interview.

"It's just absolutely wonderful," she said. "I keep thinking, 'Oh, this is a league of baloney. They're not telling me the truth.'"

The Irish actress has made more than 60 films since her big-screen debut in 1938, including John Ford's 1941 best picture winner, "How Green Was My Valley." She starred opposite John Wayne in several films, including "Rio Grande," "The Wings of Eagles," and one of her favorites, "The Quiet Man." Other credits include "Miracle on 34th Street" and "Sentimental Journey."

"Making movies is a wonderful experience," she said. "It's wonderful the stories that you fall in love with and you make and they wind up being very successful, and it breaks your heart almost. I don't mean with

sadness. It breaks your heart with joy."

What else did she love about her early acting days?

"As kids—and anybody who says they don't love this, they're fibbers—we loved making the money," she said.

While dieting and exercising in preparation for Saturday's ceremony, O'Hara is thinking about how to express her gratitude for the award.

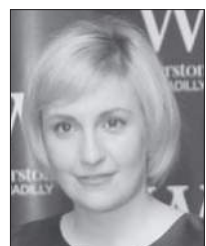
"It's hard to know how you're going to say thank you to all the people you should say thank you to," she said, "so it's going to be very difficult."

The easy part, she said, is finding a place to keep her shiny new Oscar. She's already cleared off a spot atop the fireplace—and high enough so one of the kids can't knock it down!

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences established the Governors Awards in 2009 to recognize recipients of honorary Oscars. Highlights from Saturday's untelevised dinner ceremony will be included in the 2015 Academy Awards telecast.

## Citing illness, Dunham postpones book tour stops

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Citing illness incurred from her weeks-long book tour, Lena Dunham has postponed two appearances in Europe until early December.



Dunham

In a statement issued Tuesday through her publisher, Random House, Dunham said stops in Belgium and Germany originally planned for this week will instead take place between December 3 and December 9. "Details to come," she added.

Dunham toured the U.S. and Canada throughout October to promote her best-selling essay collection "Not That Kind of Girl." She first announced her postponements over the weekend on Twitter, soon after she had posted a self-described "rage spiral" of tweets denouncing allegations that as a child she had sexually abused

her younger sister, Grace. The conservative National Review Online had cited passages from her book in which Dunham recalled kissing and touching her sister.

On Tuesday, Dunham released a statement to Time magazine in which she said "she did not condone any kind of abuse under any circumstances."

"Childhood sexual abuse is a life-shattering event for so many, and I have been vocal about the rights of survivors," she said. "If the situations described in my book have been painful or triggering for people to read, I am sorry, as that was never my intention."

"As for my sibling, Grace," she added, "she is my best friend, and anything I have written about her has been published with her approval."

## Dinner-table bully may be victim of low blood sugar

**DEAR ABBY:** In reference to "It's All Good, Until ..." (Aug. 1), the woman whose otherwise easygoing husband turns hypercritical every evening at dinner, he may have hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) or be pre-diabetic as my husband is.

My story is the same as hers. My husband is even-tempered and a great partner—until his sugar gets low. Then he turns from Dr. Jekyll into Mr. Hyde.

My advice to her is to have a doctor check her husband for those issues. In the meantime, he might start having an afternoon protein snack so his sugar doesn't drop by dinner if that is, in fact, the problem. Peanut butter crackers are excellent.

SOMEONE WHO KNOWS IN KNOXVILLE, TENN.

**DEAR SOMEONE:** Thank you for the heads-up. Dozens of readers offered similar opinions about the husband's behavior, including a registered nurse who wrote: "What's happening may be that his blood sugar or glucose is getting too low at that time and causing personality changes. ... This time of day is crucial for people with either diabetes or other insulin problems. Please suggest her husband see a doctor to have this checked."

**DEAR ABBY:** "Ingrid" and I have been dating for a couple of months. We're in our early 50s and both of us have been married before. We get along fine and our relationship is proceeding slowly, but appropriately.

My problem is, when we talk on the phone we don't really have a conversation. Ingrid will talk without interruption, sometimes for five minutes at a time. I can't get a word in. I can put the phone down and come back and she'll still be talking. It's not quite that bad in person, although she's still quite a talker. Often, she'll ask me a question, then interrupt me when I try to answer. It really bugs me.

It has reached a point that I don't want to talk to her on the phone. The calls can last 30 minutes or more, and I get bored and irritated. How do I address this with her without hurting her feelings or affecting our relationship? She's starting to feel my reluctance to call her back.

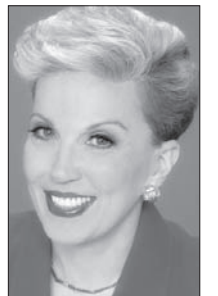
GETTING AN EARFUL IN ARIZONA

**DEAR GETTING AN EARFUL:** If Ingrid is starting to feel your reluctance to return her calls, I'm guessing she has found a way to let you know. This is your opening for a truth session with your lady friend in which you explain how those

## DEAR ABBY

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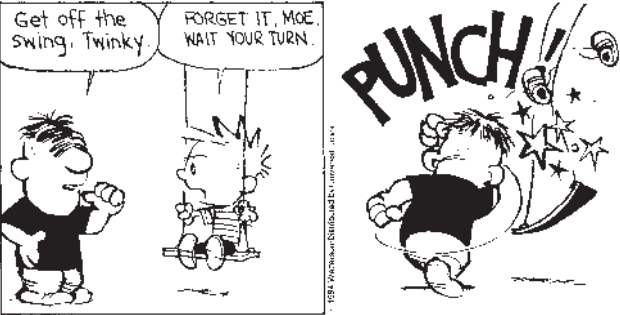
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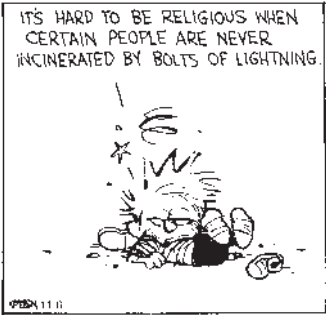
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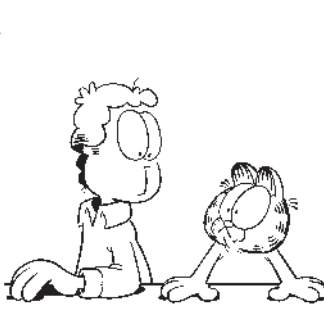
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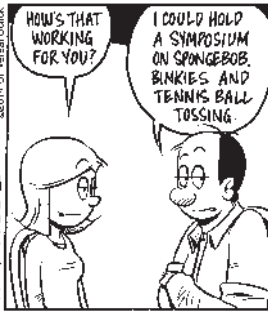
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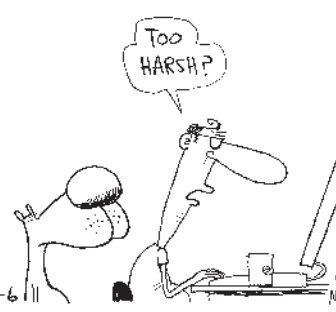
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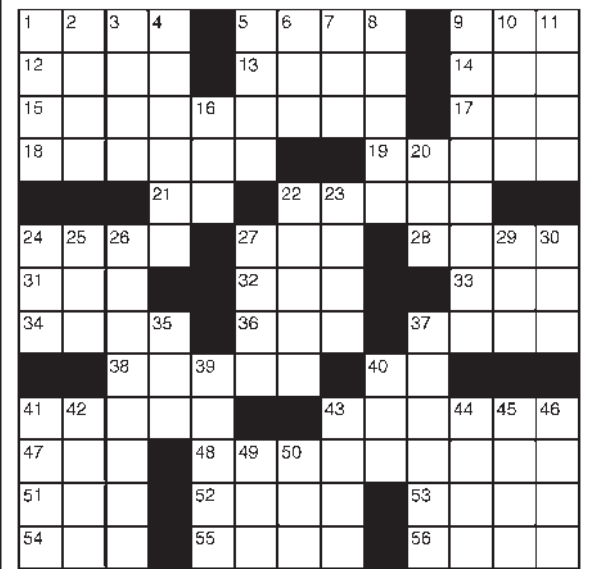
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Yesterday's answer 11-5



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**Happy Birthday:** Deal with emotional matters. It's best to put the past behind you so you can concentrate on what's important to you at this stage in your life. Keeping life simple and focusing on the things you enjoy most will help you say no to those who contribute to your stress. Accomplishment will come from doing what's best for you. Your numbers are 4, 8, 13, 20, 26, 32, 43.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Take a moment to relax and rethink your next move. Don't feel pressured to make a decision because someone is putting demands on you. Open up conversations that will help you see all sides to whatever situation you face. \*\*\*

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Problems with teachers, superiors or anyone in charge can be expected. Don't lose patience when what's required is well-thought-out solutions. A partnership will boost your confidence and strengthen your position. Romance is in the stars. \*\*\*

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Avoid joint ventures that are financially or contractually binding. It's important to stick to your original plan, especially if it allows you the freedom to follow a path that is better suited to your needs. \*\*\*

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Arguments will flare up with a friend, lover or a youngster in your life. Try to remain calm and you will save yourself the grief a no-

win situation has to offer. Peace and love will offer better results. \*\*\*\*

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't make changes at home that are likely to upset your relationship with someone you live with or near. Altering your location will do more for your morale and help you come up with ways to do what you want without causing a ruckus. \*\*

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Start the process of making the alterations to your life that will help improve your standard of living. This is not the time to invest in what someone else does. Put yourself first and don't feel guilty about doing so. \*\*\*\*\*

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Keep a watchful eye over your personal finances, your home and the people around you. A change in the way someone treats you should be an eye-opener regarding what you should do to protect your position. \*\*\*

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Keep life simple and indulge less. Work toward a common goal with someone you respect. Focus on manipulating your environment to suit your needs. Love is on the rise, and help will come from an unusual source. \*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't make unnecessary changes to the way you earn your living. Focus more on home, family and improvements that affect you personally. Problems with someone you work with must not lead to an impulsive mistake you'll live to regret. \*\*\*

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**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't take on too much or neglect what's most important to you. Concentrate on home, family and nurturing what you have worked so hard to acquire. A unique job offer will be worth considering. Romance will enhance your personal life. \*\*\*\*\*



**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't trust anyone with your secrets. Look at your options and be creative in the way you move forward. An emotional issue regarding your physical well-being must not be allowed to fester. Overreacting will not solve the problem. \*\*



**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Money matters are looking good. Coming into a windfall or being offered a contract too good to refuse is possible. Wheel and deal until you get what you want. New prospects appear to give you a boost personally and professionally. Love is highlighted. \*\*\*\*



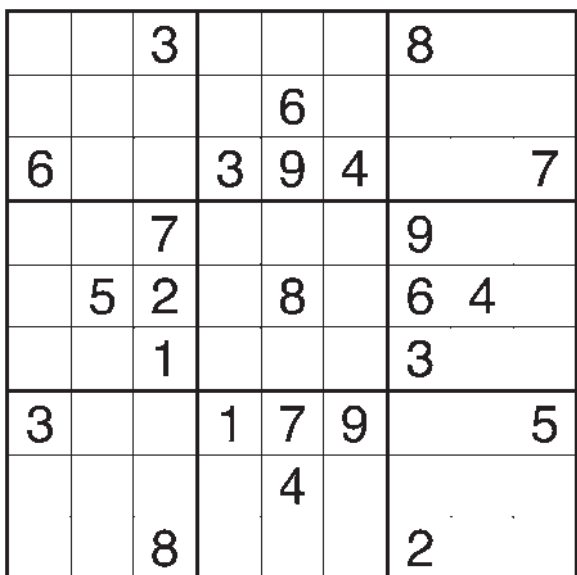
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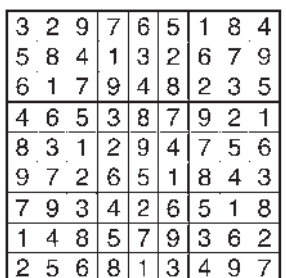


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By DAVID OUELLET

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# Kershaw finalist for NL MVP and Cy Young Award



**NEW YORK**  
(AP)—Los Angeles Dodgers

ace Clayton Kershaw is among the finalists for the NL Most Valuable Player and the Cy Young Award, in position to become the first NL player to sweep both honors since Bob Gibson in 1968.

Kershaw is joined by Pittsburgh outfielder Andrew McCutchen - the 2013 winner - and Miami outfielder Giancarlo Stanton as the NL MVP finalists, the Baseball Writers' Association of America announced Tuesday.

Cincinnati's Johnny Cueto and St. Louis' Adam Wainwright are competing with the Los Angeles left-hander for the NL Cy Young.

Since Gibson won both awards in 1968 along with Detroit's Denny McLain, six AL pitchers have swept MVP and Cy Young in the same year: Oakland's Vida Blue (1971), Milwaukee's Rollie Fingers (1981), Detroit's Willie Hernandez (1984), Boston's Roger Cle-



mens (1986), Oakland's Dennis Eckersley (1992) and Detroit's

Justin Verlander (2011).

In the AL, the MVP final-

Los Angeles Dodgers ace Clayton Kershaw is among the finalists for the NL Most Valuable Player and the Cy Young Award.

Cincinnati outfielder Billy Hamilton and St. Louis second baseman Kolten Wong are competing for NL Rookie of the Year. Chicago White Sox first baseman Jose Abreu, New York Yankees reliever Dellin Betances and Angels right-hander Matt Shoemaker are the AL finalists.

San Francisco's Bruce Bochy, Pittsburgh's Clint Hurdle and Washington's Matt Williams are the NL Manager of the Year finalists, and Baltimore's Buck Showalter, the Angels' Mike Scioscia and Kansas City's Ned Yost are vying for the AL honor.

Three of four managers of wild-card teams are among the finalists; Hurdle won the NL balloting last year.

Voting took place before the postseason, when the Giants beat the Royals in a seven-game World Series. Winners will be announced next week live on the MLB Network, beginning Monday with the rookies of the year and concluding Thursday with the MVPs.

## SIDEBAR

### Royals give Shields \$15.5M qualifying offer

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** (AP)—The Royals extended a \$15.3 million qualifying offer to right-hander James Shields, which assures Kansas City of draft pick compensation if its staff ace signs a major league contract with another team before June 8.

Shields has until Nov. 10 to accept, and it is expected he will not. In the past two years, none of the 22 free agents given qualifying offers have accepted.

The Royals also exercised a \$7 million option for next season on reliever Wade Davis and selected the contract of outfielder Paulo Orlando from Triple-A during a busy Monday.

Over the weekend, the Royals elected to pay designated hitter Billy Butler a \$1 million buyout rather than exercise their \$12.5 million option. The decision was widely expected, and Butler said he hopes he'll be able to agree with the Royals on a new contract.

It's unlikely the Royals will be able to do the same with Shields, who helped them win the AL pennant after reaching the playoffs for the first time in 29 years. With higher-payroll clubs in the market for pitching, Shields is expected to sign elsewhere.

If that happens, the Royals would receive a compensatory draft pick between the first and second rounds of next year's amateur draft by extending to him a qualifying offer.

General manager Dayton Moore said recently he expects

the Royals to be in the market for pitching, too. But it will likely be a starter carrying a much smaller price tag, similar to deals signed by right-hander Jeremy Guthrie and left-hander Jason Vargas in recent years.

"We're going to have to make some tough decisions with our roster, and you know we'll continue to look to add players that fit in," Moore said, "but we're going to have to certainly look to add starting pitching. We'll continue to try to put it together the way we have."

Shields, who arrived along with Davis in a December 2012 trade, went 13-9 with a 3.15 ERA in his first season in Kansas City. He was 14-8 with a 3.21 ERA this year, logging more than 200 innings for the seventh time in eight years.

Perhaps the heavy workload took its toll in the playoffs. Shields was battered by Oakland in the AL wild-card game, which Kansas City rallied to win in 12 innings. He fared better against the Angels in the division series, but was pounded again by Baltimore in the AL Championship Series - though the Royals once again picked up him during their four-game sweep.

In two World Series starts against the San Francisco Giants, Shields went 0-2 with a 7.00 ERA. He only lasted nine innings over the two outings, outdueled each time by Madison Bumgarner.

"I'm not too worried about my free agency right now," Shields said after the Royals

lost Game 7 last week. "Obviously I have to think about that and we'll see what happens."

Davis earned his option—a significant raise from the \$4.8 million he made this season—by having one of the best seasons by a relief pitcher in major league history.

The hard-throwing right-hander, a middling starter, went 9-2 with a 1.00 ERA in a team-high 71 appearances. His ERA led all big league relievers and was the eighth-best ever by an AL relief pitcher. He mostly handled the eighth inning ahead of Greg Holland, but also recorded three saves while filling in as the closer late in the season.

Kansas City also has an \$8 million option for next season with a \$500,000 buyout. If the Royals exercise it, they would have a \$10 million option for 2017 with a \$250,000 buyout.

By exercising their option on Davis, the Royals will bring back the dominant back of their bullpen intact, though Holland and seventh-inning star Kelvin Herrera could both get hefty raises through arbitration after stellar seasons.

Holland, an All-Star the past two seasons, had a 1.44 ERA with 46 saves in 65 appearances this season. He saved two games against the Angels in the ALDS and joined Dennis Eckersley as the only pitchers to save all four games in an ALCS against the Orioles.

Herrera was 4-3 with a career-best 1.41 ERA in 70 appearances this season

ists are Cleveland outfielder Michael Brantley, Detroit designated hitter Victor Martinez and Los Angeles Angels outfielder Mike Trout, who finished second to the Tigers' Miguel Cabrera in each of the

last two votes.

The Cy Young finalists are Chicago White Sox left-hander Chris Sale, Seattle's Felix Hernandez and Cleveland's Corey Kluber.

Mets pitcher Jacob deGrom,

### RG3 believes he's Redskins franchise QB



**ASHBURN, Va.**

(AP)—Jay Gruden said the "the jury is still out" on the Washington Redskins' quarterback position. Robert Griffin III doesn't think that way at all.

The coach also said his quarterbacks need to be "thick-skinned" and not let outside criticism get to them. Griffin, on Tuesday, turned two football questions into answers that referenced outside criticism.

Griffin's physical and mental performance will be hyper-analyzed over the final seven weeks of the season. He needs to stay healthy, and he needs to show the first-year coach that he can handle all of the other rigors of playing quarterback in the NFL.

On Monday, Gruden said the jury is out at quarterback because he's started three players at the position. Griffin only just returned on Sunday after missing six games with a dislocated left ankle, a layoff that disrupted his efforts to learn to be more of a pocket-passer.

Gruden said he feels good about Griffin's progress to date, but there are things the team will "have to find out" about the third-year QB before the end of the season - after which the Redskins will have to decide whether to pick up an option year on Griffin's contract.

On Tuesday, however, before the players broke for a five-day bye-week vacation, Griffin said he doesn't view the rest of the season as a chance to prove he's definitively the

franchise quarterback.

"When it comes to being the franchise guy, that is what it is. I believe that I am," Griffin said. "I believe that this organization knows that I am, and I know those guys in the locker room believe that I am. There's no doubt there, so I don't ever step onto the field trying to make a claim saying 'I'm the guy.' No, it's not like that. This is my team and I'm going to lead it."

Asked about Gruden's "jury is still out" remark, Griffin said he understands it because he hasn't had much of a chance to play for the coach because of the ankle injury.

"Availability is the key," Griffin said, "so my job is to continue to go out there, get better each week, help this team win football games, and the rest will take care of itself."

Griffin had a mixed performance in Sunday's 29-26 loss to the Minnesota Vikings. He used his tremendous athleticism to extend plays, revived his ability as a running threat in the zone-read and led a pair of second-half scoring drives in a tight game.

But he also took five sacks—more than Kirk Cousins or Colt McCoy took in any of their starts—and made two bad throws at inopportune times, one a momentum-turning interception and the other a short-armed toss that ended the Redskins' final legitimate scoring threat.

Gruden said Griffin still needs to get a better feel for the pocket to avoid the sacks, but Griffin

said there's also some good that can happen when he holds onto the ball a little longer.

"I feel like I add an element to the game by being able to extend plays and make plays ... Sacks are a part of the game. You don't want to take many of them, and I always will work on that," Griffin said, "but I'm not going to limit myself out there on the field because I think that's a detriment to our offense if I take that part of my game out."

Griffin has always displayed a sensitivity to criticism of his play, something Gruden has mentioned more than once and cited again Monday. The outside pundits were clearly on Griffin's mind Tuesday when he was asked if it was good to get in a game before the bye week.

Instead of answering the question, Griffin sought to quash the notion that he should've waited until after the bye to return.

"For us to push that off to after the bye just because of outside opinion, I think is a disservice to this team," Griffin said, "because we always want to have the best opportunity to win each week."

Later, asked about his decision to slide on a third-and-20 run in the fourth quarter instead of fighting for the extra yards, Griffin said he wasn't contemplating public reaction as he made his way upfield.

"I wasn't thinking about what anybody else was going to say," he said. "I just knew I was going to get molly-whopped if I tried to go for that first down."



# Blazers hold LeBron to 11, rout Cavaliers



**PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—**Damian Lillard snapped out of a shooting slump with 27 points and the Portland Trail Blazers held LeBron James to just 11 in a 101-82 victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers on Tuesday night.

Lillard was nursing an abdominal strain but had 15 points by halftime after averaging just 13.7 points on 11-for-41 shooting in the first three games. The All-Star averaged 20.7 points last season.

The Cavaliers, playing the first of a three-game Western Conference road swing, hadn't played since a 114-108 overtime victory at Chicago on Friday. They started fast but were doomed by poor-shooting nights by James (4 of 12) and Kyrie Irving (3 of 17).

Wesley Matthews hit a 3-pointer that gave Portland a 92-74 lead with just over 4 minutes left. Matthews finished with 21 points and the Blazers (2-2) snapped a two-game losing streak.

Kevin Love, who grew up in Oregon and played at Lake Oswego High School south of Portland, had his third straight double-double for Cleveland (1-2) with 22 points and 10 rebounds. Love and LaMarcus Aldridge - who finished with 16 points - battled much of the way.

The Cavaliers made their first 10 shots and James hit consecutive 3-pointers to put Cleveland up 27-20 early. The Blazers answered with a 9-0 run to go up 29-27.

Shawn Marion's fast-break layup gave Cleveland a 41-37 lead midway through the second quarter. The Blazers tied it at 44 on Matthews' 3-pointer.

Lillard hit a 3-pointer and a pair of free throws and Portland led 55-50 at the break. He opened the second half with a dunk.

Portland stretched the lead to 67-54 on Aldridge's layup and led 76-69 going into the fourth.

Robin Lopez's hook shot extended Portland's lead to 87-74 midway through the fourth quarter. The Blazers led by as many as 19 points in the final period.

Lillard finished with five 3-pointers on 10 attempts.

The Blazers were coming off a 95-90 loss Sunday to Golden State, doomed by late turnovers and Klay Thompson's heroics for the Warriors. Aldridge had 26 points in the loss.

## Rockets 108, Heat 91

In Miami, James Harden had 25 points, 10 assists and nine rebounds, and Dwight Howard added 26 points and 10 boards as the Houston Rockets remained unbeaten with a 108-91 win over the Miami Heat 108-91 on Tuesday night.

Trevor Ariza added 19 points for the Rockets (5-0), who used a 13-0 run late in the fourth quarter to pull away.

Chris Bosh scored 21 points for Miami (3-1). Dwyane Wade added 19, and Shawne Williams and Mario Chalmers each scored 12.

The Rockets outscored Miami 25-14 in the final quarter. Houston went 17 for 37 from 3-point range and now has 213 points from beyond the arc this season — as opposed to 198 points on 2-point baskets.

"You've got the most dominant big man in the league roaming around the rim so somebody has to take him," Harden said. "And then you have tremendous shooters on the wing. It's pretty hard to guard."

A 17-8 run by the Rockets closed the half



Portland Trail Blazers center Robin Lopez, left, looks to maneuver against Cleveland Cavaliers guard Dion Waiters, right, and center Anderson Varejao, from Brazil, during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Portland, Ore., Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2014.

and gave Houston a 57-55 lead at intermission. The run continued in the third.

Houston scored 18 points in a 4 1/2-minute stretch that was capped by three 3-pointers in 66 seconds - the last two by Beverley, helping the Rockets turn a tied game into a 77-64 lead.

Miami ripped off 10 straight points to get within 83-80 early in the fourth, and 3s from Justin Hamilton and Shabazz Napier cut Houston's lead to 90-86 with 7 minutes left.

But Ariza hit a 3, Harden laid in his own miss and then Ariza - over the outstretched arm of the 7-foot Bosh - made a high-arching 3 to put Houston up 12 and in control for good.

## Suns 112, Lakers 106

In Los Angeles, Gerald Green scored 26 points off the bench and Markieff Morris had 23 points and 10 rebounds, as Phoenix overcame Kobe Bryant's 39-point performance to keep Los Angeles winless.

Isaiah Thomas scored 22 points in a reserve role for the Suns, who survived a fourth-quarter surge led by Bryant to beat the Lakers for the second time in seven days.

Bryant went 14 for 37 for the Lakers, who are off to their first 0-5 start since the 1957-58 Minneapolis Lakers lost their first seven games.

Bryant's third 3-pointer trimmed

Phoenix's lead to 106-104, but Eric Bledsoe hit two free throws before P.J. Tucker punctuated his season debut with the decisive 3-pointer in front of the Lakers' bench with 19 seconds left.

Thomas continued his scoring binge off the Suns' bench, and he also threw a jaw-dropping, one-handed alley-oop pass to Green in the second quarter.

Green, who revived his North American playing career with the Lakers' D-League team in early 2012, scored 11 points in the first 5:35 of the fourth quarter to keep Phoenix ahead.

With a four-day break before the Lakers' next game, coach Byron Scott gave 44 minutes to Bryant, who had another high-volume offensive effort while playing the entire second half. In his fifth game back from injury, Bryant earned 12 free throws and launched 23 shots in the second half alone.

The 36-year-old guard also decided to hurdle the entire front row of courtside seats in pursuit of a loose ball in the third quarter, landing safely with the flair and foolishness of a player half his age.

The Lakers stayed close all night after getting routed in Phoenix a week ago. They trimmed the Suns' 15-point lead in the third quarter to 79-75 entering the fourth.

## Wizards 98, Knicks 83

In New York, Paul Pierce and Garrett Temple each scored 17 points, and the Washington Wizards beat the New York Knicks for the fourth straight time, 98-83 on Tuesday night.

Kevin Seraphin came off the bench and had 15 points for Washington, which pulled away with a 14-0 run in the third quarter and won its third straight game. Backup guard Andre Miller added 12 points.

Iman Shumpert had 19 points for the Knicks (2-2), who had won their last two games. Carmelo Anthony chipped in 18 points despite shooting 8 for 23 from the floor.

The Wizards outscored the Knicks 32-15 in the third. They swept the series last season and haven't lost to New York since April 9, 2013.

After Amare Stoudemire's layup made it 56-all with 6:33 remaining in the third, Pierce started Washington's run with a 19-foot jumper. After John Wall's free throw, the Wizards started to pull away on a 3-pointer by Temple and a finger roll layup from Wall that extended the lead to 64-56 with 3:19 left.

Backup center Seraphin then hit a pair of jumpers to extend the lead to 70-56 with 1:13 left to play in the quarter before Tim Hardaway Jr. stopped the run with a

jumper with 51 seconds left in the period.

## Bulls 98, Magic 90

In Chicago, Pau Gasol had 16 points and 13 rebounds as the Bulls beat the winless Magic despite playing without Derrick Rose and Joakim Noah.

Jimmy Butler led the Bulls with 21 points and Taj Gibson added 16 for Chicago, which finally pulled away in the final minutes of a game that was tied after three quarters.

Rose missed his second straight game after injuring both ankles Friday against Cleveland. He took part in the morning shootaround and was listed as probable, but was taken out of the starting lineup about a half hour before the game after going through warmups.

Noah was ill.

Tobias Harris scored 21 points and Nikola Vucevic had 19 points and 13 rebounds for Orlando, which is 0-4 for the first time since dropping its first six in 1990-91.

## Raptors 100, Thunder 88

In Toronto, DeMar DeRozan scored 16 points and Patrick Patterson had 14 as the Raptors beat the depleted Thunder.

Lou Williams scored nine of his 12 points in the fourth quarter and Tyler Hansbrough got eight of his 12 at the free-throw line as the Raptors improved to 3-1.

Serge Ibaka had 25 points and 11 rebounds for a short-handed Oklahoma City team playing the second game of a back-to-back. Reggie Jackson added 13 points and a career-high 14 assists.

The Thunder began the game with eight active players and finished with six. Forward Perry Jones departed with an apparent right knee injury early in the second half, and guard Sebastian Telfair was ejected for a flagrant-two foul with 1:57 left after he struck Hansbrough in the face.

## Bucks 87, Pacers 81

In Indianapolis, Brandon Knight had 23 points for Milwaukee, including a key jumper with 22 seconds left.

The Pacers shot 39.7 percent while playing without starters George Hill (bruised left knee), David West (sprained right ankle) and Paul George (fractured leg).

Milwaukee led 43-38 at the half and opened the third quarter with a 10-0 run. The Bucks led by as many as 17.

Chris Copeland scored 10 of his 19 points in the third quarter to help Indiana close to 69-61. He added one of his four 3-pointers with less than a minute to play, but Knight knocked down a 21-footer to help Milwaukee hold on.

## Pelicans 100, Hornets 91

In New Orleans, Anthony Davis had 24 points, 13 rebounds and three blocks, leading New Orleans to its first victory since its season opener.

Tyreke Evans added 16 points and 10 rebounds for the Pelicans, who bounced back from Monday night's 93-81 loss at Memphis. Ryan Anderson scored 16 points and Austin Rivers had 12.

The Pelicans (2-2) shot 46 percent and outscored Charlotte by 10 points in the second half when they turned the ball over just three times.

Charlotte (1-3) played without starting forward Michael Kidd-Gilchrist, who bruised his ribs in a 96-93 loss at New York on Sunday. Al Jefferson led the Hornets with 20 points.



# Over 100 expected to join Saturday's PIC Road Race

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More than 100 runners are expected to join the Pacific Islands Club Road Race this

Saturday.

"We're still tabulating applications at this point but we are expecting more than 100 participants once again," said PIC director of sports, entertainment and activities Glenn Policare.

He added that they are looking forward to a great weather for the runners to enjoy Saturday's race, which is divided into the half marathon, 10K, and 4x5K relay.

The half marathon will start at 5:30am at the southern side of the PIC parking lot and from there, runner will head south and make a U-turn at the base of the hill near Pak Pak Beach. They will then head north towards the Garapan Fire Station for the U-turn and head back to PIC.

Gun time for the 10K race is at 5:45am also at PIC. Runners will head north and make a U-turn at Roshi's just south of the Atkins Kroll-San Jose intersection and head back to PIC.

The 4x5K race will also start at 5:45 with participants heading north and making a U-turn at Triple J Wholesale in Chalan Kanoa before heading back to PIC. The first runner will then tag the next runner and will do the same thing until all four in the team completed the 5K distance.

More than \$10,000 in cash and other prizes are to be given away to the top winners of the half marathon



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Saipan's Mamiko Oshima-Berger head to the finish line of last year's PIC Road Race.

memberships, rooms and accommodation, restaurant dinners and lunches, and Magellan brunch certificates, and other cash prizes will be given away after the race. T Galleria (DFS), IT&E Gatorade, Monster Energy & Pepsi, Triple B

Forwarders, KL Carr, Calvo's Insurance, and Triple J Wholesale are some of the sponsors of the race.

For more information, call Policare at 2375101 or 2375147, or email glenn.policare@picsaipan.com.

## Pacquiao hits back at Mayweather



Manny Pacquiao has rubbished suggestions he is using talk of

a long-awaited showdown to heighten interest in his November meeting with Chris Algieri.

In the build-up to Pacquiao's first title defense since defeating Timothy Bradley in April, the prospect of a meeting with five-weight world champion Mayweather has never been far from discussion.

The Filipino's promoter and Top Rank CEO Bob Arum has been relentless in his efforts to whip up a frenzy, suggesting negotiations between the fighters' rival television networks HBO (Pacquiao) and Showtime (Mayweather) are ready to sign a deal to make it happen in 2015.

Such suggestions were laughed off by Mayweather, dismissing them as a vain attempt to sell tickets for Pacquiao's meeting with Algieri, a relatively low-profile opponent for the 35-year-old given his history in the ring.

Pacquiao has since drawn a line under the exchanges, insist-

ing he will no longer discuss a potential clash with the undefeated American until after his next fight.

"I don't want to bring up Floyd's name because he might think I am using him to market my fight against Algieri," Pacquiao told a newspaper in the Philippines. "After the Algieri fight, then we can talk about Floyd or any other fighter. At the moment, my main and only focus is Algieri."

Algieri, who was forced to relinquish his junior welterweight title ahead of his meeting with Pacquiao, holds the unusual distinction of holding a Master's degree from the New York Institute of Technology.

His wits outside of the ring are of little concern to Pacquiao, though.

"So what if Algieri has a Masters degree? I have a Masters degree in boxing," Pacquiao said. "I've been fighting since 1995. I've done over 60 fights. My experience speaks for itself. I also have a doctorate, honoris causa, in human kinetics from Southwestern University."



Manny Pacquiao connects a punch on Brandon Rios during their WBO International welterweight title bout in November last year at the Venetian Macao Resort & Hotel in Macau.

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are left in the division and one will take place this Saturday, featuring the important meeting between MP United and Tan Holdings at 1pm at Hopwood Junior High School Field's Pitch 2. Over at Pitch 1 at the same time, Kanoa collides with Paire.

This Saturday's two matches are supposed to be the final if not for the cancellation of last Saturday's games. MP United was scheduled to face Kanoa at Pitch 1, while Tan Holdings was slated to challenge Paire at Pitch 2, but both matches were called off in observance of the All Saints Day.

Meanwhile, in the girls U15 division, three more playing days are remaining before the fall champion is decided.

It's a toss between Matansa Football Club and Shirley's Football Club, who are in the Top 2 in the six-team field. Matansa FC holds a 6-1-0 re-

cord for the No. 1 spot, while Shirley's is at close second with its 6-0-1 slate. Paire, a long shot for the title, is at third place with its 4-0-3 card, followed by Tan Holdings (2-14), MP United (2-0-5), and Kanoa (0-0-7).

Matansa clung to its slim lead, following a 10-1 win over Kanoa last Oct. 25, while Shirley's remained in the former's shadow after notching a 5-1 victory over MP United. The other game last Oct. 25 had Paire prevailing over Tan Holdings, 2-1.

Incidentally, Matansa and Shirley's were supposed to duel for the top spot last Saturday, but that match along with the two other games at Hopwood were also rescheduled and will be played after the No. 8 and 15 tiffs.

On Nov. 8, the pairings are Kanoa vs Tan Holdings, Shirley's vs Paire, and Matansa vs MP United, while on Nov. 15, it will be Paire vs Matansa, MP United vs Kanoa, and Tan Holdings vs Shirley's.

and 10K runs

Deadline for registration is today. Entry fees are \$25 for the half marathon, \$20 for the 10K race, and \$10 each for the 4x5K relay.

Last year, Guam Olympian Derek Mandell ruled half marathon's men's division with a time of 1:21:05, while Mamiko Oshima-Berger du-

plicated his feat in the women's side as she crossed the finish line at 1:35:58.

Guam's Charles Epperson topped the men's 10K race with a time of 36:15, while former Saipan resident Miek Carey was the fastest in the women's side, clocking in at 44:17.

Meanwhile, PIC annual

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for almost 11 minutes, bridging the third and fourth quarters.

An Elaine Enriquez jumper at the 4:07 mark of the final canto was the Lady Dolphins' junior varsity team's first field goal since Marcy Ermitanio's basket with barely four minutes gone in the third.

With the game in the bag as early as the first half, Lady Knights mentor Francis San Nicolas opted to let top gunner Janasia Travilla rest for most of the game and allowed Karleen Reyes to carry majority of the scoring load for MCS. Reyes

scattered 19 points to pace all scorers, while Taimanao finished with 18. Travilla, despite riding the bench the entire second half, tallied 11 markers.

Ermitanio had 3 points for MHS while Enriquez, Martina Ada, Sharmaine Alarzhaz and Marielle Okekeh scored 2 apiece.

**MCS 68** — Reyes 19, Taimanao 18, Travilla 11, Flores 6, Han 4, Villagomez 4, Delos Santos 2, Mafnas 2, Sato 2.

**MHS JV 11** — Ermitanio 3, Ada 2, Alarzhaz 2, Enriquez 2, Ermitanio 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 20-3, 37-5, 48-9, 68-11.

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(30) in the period to stretch its lead to 17 at the break, 58-41.

Sanciango and company slowed down a bit in the second half, but Top Development did not capitalize on the opportunity and instead settled on trading baskets with Docomo, allowing the latter to secure the 16-point winning margin.

Raymond Velasco and Allen Reyes led Top Development's losing cause, posting 22 points apiece, while Nestor Arreza and Jomel Pollisco chipped in 14 each.

Meanwhile, both Top Development and Docomo, who are

out of the playoff race along with Saipan Ice & Water (2-6) played their finals game of the season last night. Top Development was scheduled to face Public School System in the first match, while Docomo was slated to challenge the unbeaten Shirley's Coffee Shop in the second game. Results of both matches will be reported in *Saipan Tribune's* Friday edition.

**Docomo 107** — Diaz 29, White 19, Sanchez 19, Sanciango 18, Hayes 15, Sablan 6.

**TDI 91** — Velasco 22, Reyes 22, Arreza 14, Pollisco 14, Lorenzo 10, Etamilao 4.

**Scoring by quarters:** 28-15, 58-41, 78-62, 107-91.



# Division Champions of the Tan Holdings Open 2014

PHOTOS BY JON PEREZ



The division winners pose for a group photo during the awards ceremony for the Tan Holdings Open 2014 held last Sunday at the Nami Bar of Kanoa Resort.



Jenine Savellano, left, Janelle Pangilinan are all smiles after getting their women's doubles A prizes.



Women's doubles B winners Rowena Sison, left, and Cheng Saturno pose for a photo.



Jenine Savellano, center, receives the cash prize from Northern Marianas Badminton Association vice president Roger Vales, left, and board director Shirley Kim after she and teammate Glenn Buultjens topped the mixed doubles A division.



Women's doubles C winners Nicole Malasarte, left, and Mykki Caracut pose for a photo after overcoming the twice-to-beat advantage of top seeds Gigi Zapanta and Roxe Lazaro.



Patrick Fernandez receives the cash prize on behalf of his men's doubles C division partner Leo Su.



Cris Hilario, left, and Windy Fernandez show their first place prize in the mixed doubles B division.



Youngson Yu, third left, poses with NMBA officials, from left, Merlie Tolentino, Roger Vales, and Shirley Kim. Yu and Glenn Buultjens topped the men's doubles A division.



Men's doubles B division champions Youngson Yu, left, and Jongmin Lee pose with their medals.





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## Tight race for U12, U15 division titles



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Matansa FC, left, and MP United players are in a foot race as they chase the ball down the sideline during their first meeting in the girls U15 division of the NMIFA league last month at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

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The last few playing days in the 2014 NMIFA Fall League will be crucial as teams battling for the co-ed U12 and girls U15 division titles are still breathing on each other's neck heading into the closing stage of the competition.

In the co-ed U12 division, MP United Football Club holds a 5-1-1 win-draw-loss record, just slightly ahead of Tan Holdings FC, which has a 4-2-1 slate. Paire Football Club and Kanoa Football Club complete the field and have 3-0-4 and 0-1-6 cards, respectively.

MP United recorded its latest win in the division against Paire FC, 5-1, on Oct. 25. Kaito Sawaki and Mark Esalan teamed up in helping MP United ease its way past Paire, scoring two goals apiece, while Oliver Lee registered the other goal. Both Sawaki and Esalan drilled all their goals in the first half to give MP United a good



lead at the break, 4-1. Kaden Church tallied the lone goal for Paire.

In the other game last Oct. 25, Tan Holdings muffed a chance to tie MP United at the top spot after settling for a 2-2 draw against Kanoa.

Kanoa went up, 2-1, at half-time off John Michael Rojas' pair of goals in the first half, but failed to hang on to the lead when Sebastian Manabat drained the equalizer in the second half. Angelo Ada scored Kanoa's other goal in the first half.

With the Oct. 25 games completed, only two playing days

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## Lady Knights impale Dolphins' junior varsity

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Mt. Carmel School's varsity team was merciless in handing Marianas High School's junior varsity squad a 68-11 drubbing in the opening of yesterday's double-header in the 2014 Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization Girls Basketball League at the MHS

Gymnasium.

The Lady Knights improved to 4-1 with their win against MHS JV to stay within striking distance against their last week's tormentors and defending champion Lady Dolphins varsity. Mt. Carmel played two games yesterday as it was also set to face MHS 9 or the Lady Dolphins' freshmen team. Results of the second match were unavailable at press time.

The Lady Knights were hard-

ly threatened in the first game, as MHS' JV team clearly lacked the basic basketball skills, like dribbling and passing the ball. It was not a pretty sight to see, as MHS missed shot after shot and committed one turnover after another the entire game.

Most of the home team's shots are makeable lay-ups, while some either just hit the rim or were too strong, limiting the Lady Dolphins to single digit scoring in the first three quarters.

On the other hand, the Lady Knights reached the double-digit mark early with Janika Taimanao opening up the scoring for MCS, making 12 of her team's 20 markers in the first quarter for their 17-point lead, 20-3.

The MCS advantage further ballooned to 37-5 at the turn and 48-9 after the third, as MHS went on a long scoring drought

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Mt. Carmel School's Karleen Reyes, left, tries to outrun Elaine Enriquez of Marianas High School's junior varsity squad in their game in the MISO caging yesterday at the MHS Gymnasium.



## Docomo avoids shutout in JP World caging

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Docomo Pacific is not bowing out of playoff contention in the 2014 JP World Corp. Customer Appreciation Basketball League without taking a single victory in the nine-team competition.

The telecommunication company finally barged into win column after downing Top Development, Inc., 107-91, in the curtain-raiser of the penultimate play date in the regular season last Monday night. Docomo drew double figures from four of its starters to end its six-game losing skid and move out of the cellar in the team standings, as Top Development, with its 0-7 record, replaced the former at the bottom.

Tony Diaz continued to be

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Docomo Pacific's Jaynard White wins the battle for the rebound during an earlier game against CUC in the JP World caging at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

the anchor of Docomo's offense, as he scored 29 points in the team's first win. Fellow starters Jaynard White and Rick Sanchez added 19 each, while Jayson Hayes chipped in 15. Conrad Sablan completed Docomo's first five and chipped in 6, while Robert Sanciango came off the bench and contributed 18.

Diaz caught fire early, scoring 13 points in the first period, while White and Hayes com-

bined for 10 to power Docomo to a 28-15 advantage after the opening 10 minutes of play. Docomo was never threatened from thereon, as it kept its hot shooting in the remaining three quarters.

Sanciango continued what Diaz started in the second frame, hitting 12 of his total points in that quarter, as Docomo posted its biggest output

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